MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

I now have 6 cats

I've always wanted to have a Bengal cat, but somehow I ended up housing stray cats. I think that was meant to be, and they are cute, so I thought "Oh well," and had given in. But, I also had some luck with Bengal cats, and I now have 2 who are brothers. (laugh)

Unlike the other cat siblings, Tomoko and Nao, these brothers look and act nothing alike. The older one is brown-based with black spots, and is rather quiet and slow. But the younger one is white (also called a Snow Bengal) with light spots and blue eyes, and he is a mischievous one.

With the addition of the 2 new kittens, the relationship among my cats seem to be taking a new turn. Well, when a new kitten arrives, the hardest part is not taking care of the new kitten, but getting the approval of the other cats.

Now, I must think of a good plan. (laugh)

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Character Introduction

Rikka Mizuchi
Transferred to Rikka N.'s school in order to retrieve the seed that she'd swallowed

Izumi
An ever enigmatic "one who lives in water." Gave Rikka the mysterious seed

Yuzuru Nikaidou
College student Adores Rikka N. as if she is his little sister. His health is weak, but he is the Nikaidou heir

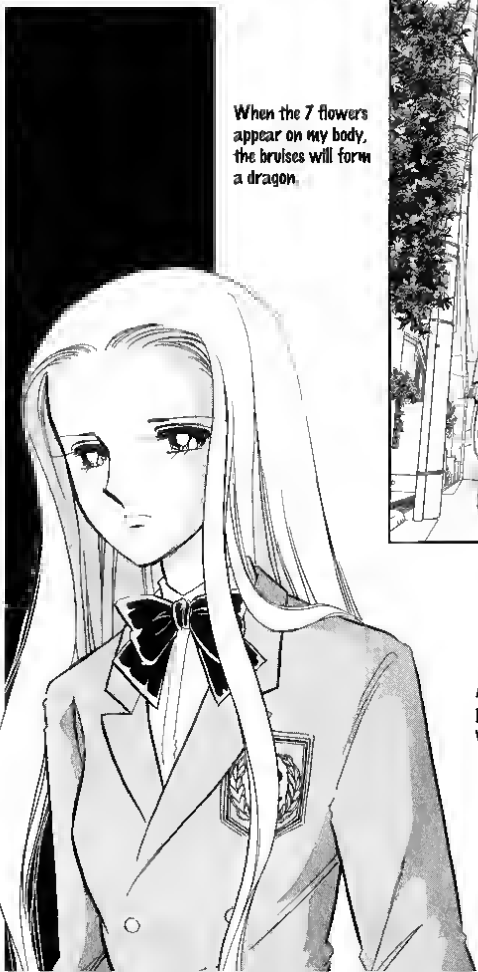
Rikka Nikaidou
A high school high diver For her school's swim team Has feelings for her cousin, Yuzuru

The Story So Far

While on a school trip, a bus fell off a cliff, killing all the students in it except Rikka N. However, that was not just a coincidence, it was because Izumi, who appeared from underwater, made her swallow a "seed," which saved her life.

Back at school, another girl called Rikka M. suddenly appeared from underwater, demanding the seed back. According to her, the seed has the power to lengthen one's life by 49years, and without the seed, Rikka M. has no choice but to die. Furthermore, she told Rikka N. that the increasing flower-patterned bruises symbolized her assimilation with water.

Meanwhile, Yuzuru discovered a way to prevent Rikka N. from assimilating with water, but how...!?


When the 7 flowers appear on my body, the bruises will form a dragon.
And I will be completely assimilated with water.

I don't know why, but ever since I was young, I've only cared about Yuzuru-chan.
I can't!!
I want to be by Yuzuru-chan's side! I love Yuzuru-chan!!
There's no way I'm living with Izumi under-water!

I NEVER MEANT FOR YUZURU-CHAN TO BECOME INVOLVED LIKE THIS
THAT'S RIGHT, ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE WITH HIM.
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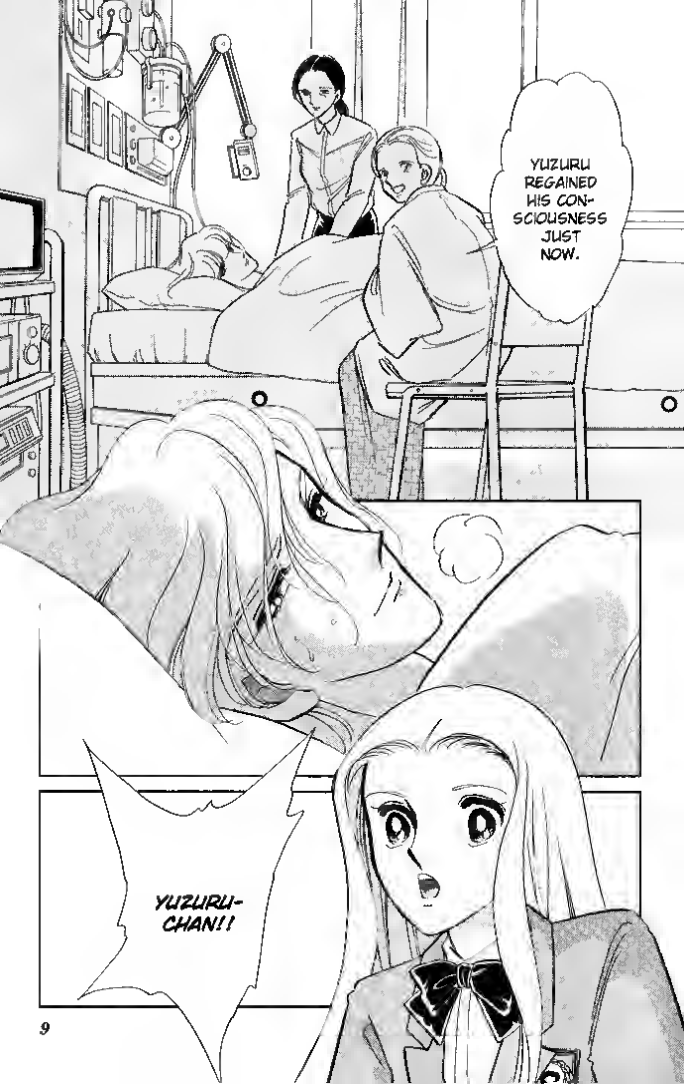
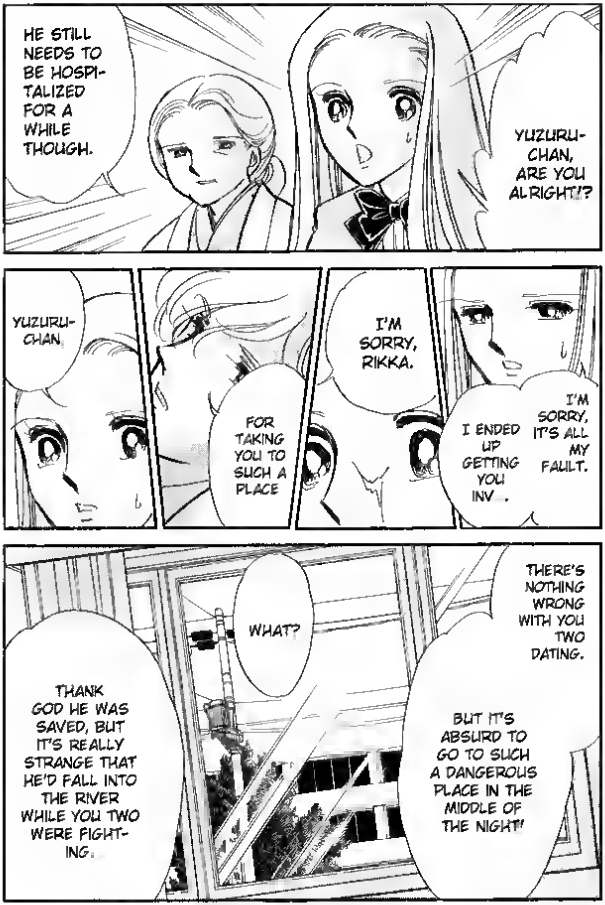
I'M SORRY I RAN OUT EARLIER
RIKKA, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME.
AIDOU-SAMA
Knock
Knock


YUZURU REGAINED HIS CONSCIOUSNESS JUST NOW.
YUZURU-CHAN!!


HE STILL NEEDS TO BE HOSPITALIZED FOR A WHILE THOUGH.
YUZURU-CHAN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
YUZURU-CHAN
I'M SORRY, RIKKA.
I'M SORRY, IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
I ENDED UP GETTING YOU INV .
FOR TAKING YOU TO SUCH A PLACE
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU TWO DATING.
WHAT?
BUT IT'S ABSURD TO GO TO SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!
THANK GOD HE WAS SAVED, BUT IT'S REALLY STRANGE THAT HE'D FALL INTO THE RIVER WHILE YOU TWO WERE FIGHTING.

FELL WHILE FIGHTING..?
THAT'S HOW YOU EXPLAINED IT ?
RIKKA, YUZURU-SAN WAS
WORRIED ABOUT YOU EVEN IN HIS DREAMS.
MOM
I THINK HE SAID
OH DEAR, WHAT WAS IT..
GRANNY?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT,
HE SAID... HE'D FOUND OUT SOMETHING.

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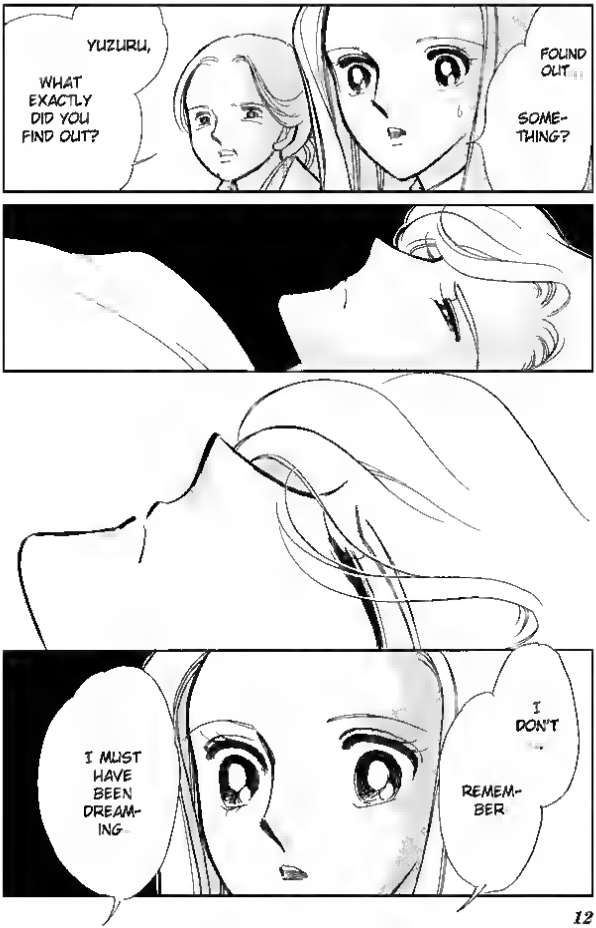

WELL IT MUST NOT HAVE BEEN A GOOD DREAM SINCE YOU WERE MOANING.
JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO HURRY UP AND ASK IZUMI
HOW TO RETURN TO MY NORMAL BODY.
HE FOUND OUT_. HUH.

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IT'S RIKKA.
SHE REALLY IS GOING TO DISOBEY ME... HOW CUTE.
HOW INTER-EST-ING.
RIKKA, ARE YOU MAD THAT I GAVE THE GOLDEN SEED TO THE OTHER RIKKA?
THAT WAS YOUR SEED.
YOU CAN DO AS YOU WISH.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU ARE A GOOD GIRL.
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU.

PULL
FOUR AND A HALF...
THE OTHER TWO FLOWERS MUST HAVE APPEARED ON THE OTHER RIKKA
NOW, BEFORE ALL THE FLOWERS TRANSFER OVER TO HER,
I WONDER IF SHE'LL FIGURE OUT THE WAY TO STOP HER FROM ASSIMILATING WITH WATER
THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE A LOT OF FUN.
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE

WHEN ALL OF THE FLOWERS TRANSFER OVER TO HER, MY LIFE WILL END.
IZUMI GAVE HER THE SEED THAT HE'D BEEN GIVING ME FOREVER.
HE'D GIVEN HER THE ONE AND ONLY SEED INSTEAD OF ME.

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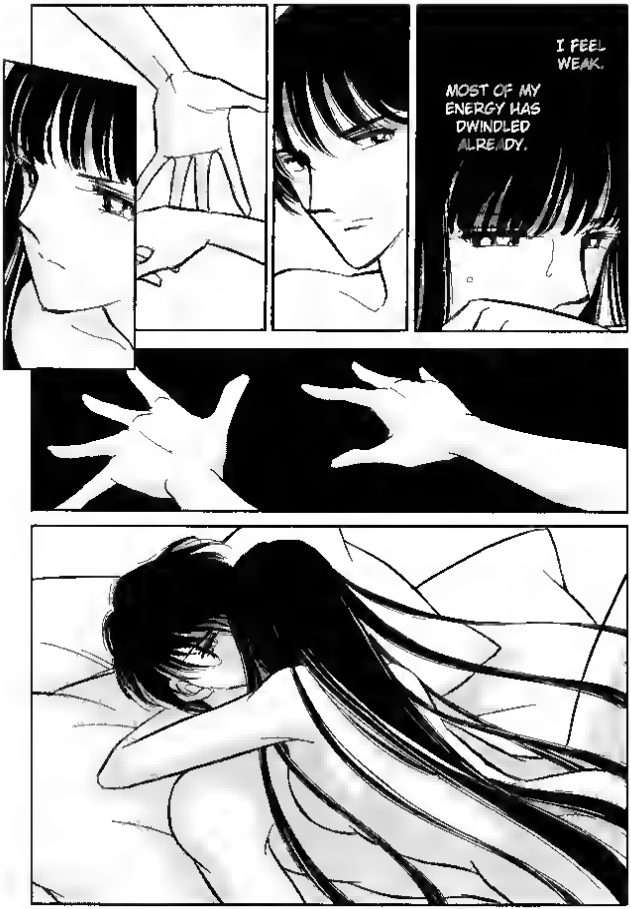
I FEEL WEAK.
MOST OF MY ENERGY HAS DWINDLED ALREADY.

IZUMI IS SO CRUEL AND UNPRE-DICTABLE.
BUT THAT IS HIS TRUE SELF. SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
IN ORDER TO LIVE, I MUST ACT ON MY OWN...

THERE'S
NO OTHER
WAY...!!

HI RIKKA.
HI
THE OTHER RIKKA ISN'T HERE YET?
SHE'S ABSENT TODAY...
ABSENT...
I WAS HOPING SHE WOULD KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF IZUMI...

FACULTY OFFICE
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE RIKKA MIZUCHI LIVES?
YES
I'D LIKE TO HAND HER TODAY'S CLASS NOTES
I SEE. THAT'S NICE OF YOU.
THIS IS HER ADDRESS

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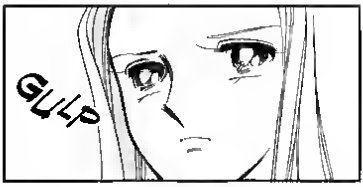
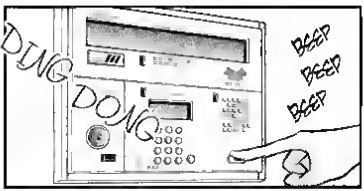
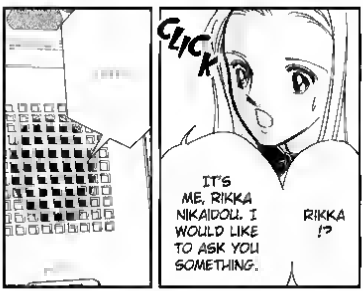
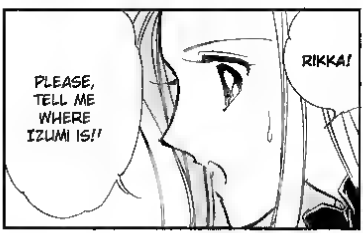








RIKKA

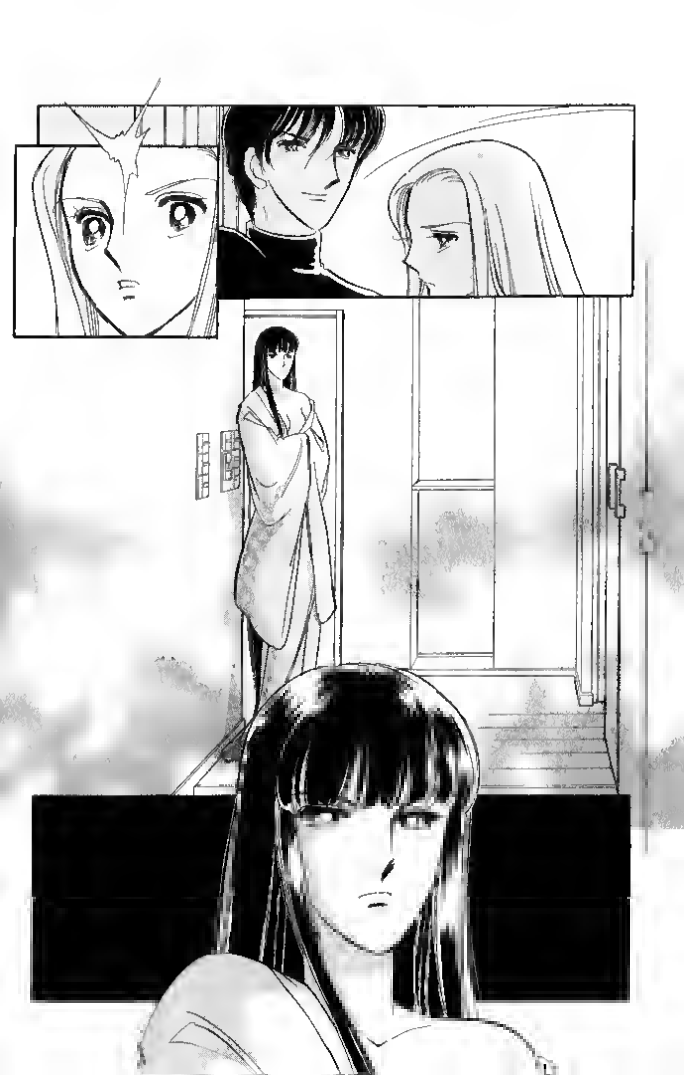
SAID THAT SHE LIVED UNDERWATER...

I WONDER IF SHE REALLY LIVES HERE.

WAIT
RRR
!!
701.. THIS IS IT.
CLICK
!!

HEY,
WELCOME.
IZUMI!
I'M PLEASED THAT YOU CAME TO ME.
COME IN.

IZUMI!
WHY ARE YOU HERE ..!?
IT IS THAT STRANGE THAT I AM WITH RIKKA?
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME, RIGHT?
SO COME IN.
GULP
IT'S TRUE I WANTED TO SEE HIM, BUT...



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SO THAT WE CAN TALK ALONE.
IF SHE'S IN THE WAY, I'LL TELL HER TO LEAVE,
NO, NEVER MIND!

YES.
RECEPTION
BUT HE REALLY PRESSED TO GO HOME.
THE DOCTOR TOLD HIM THAT HE NEEDS TO STAY,
GENERAL HO
WHAT!?
HE LEFT THE HOSPITAL!?
YUZURU-CHAN. .
WHY!?

SLIDE
YUZURU-CHAN, ARE YOU HOME!?
GRANNY, AUNTIE!
YUZURU-CHA..
.....
YOU AND RIKKA...

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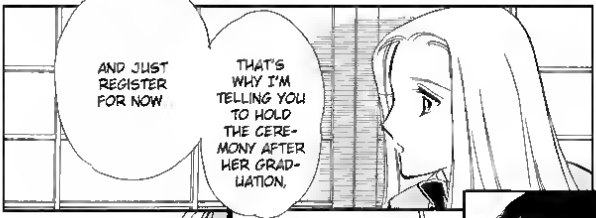
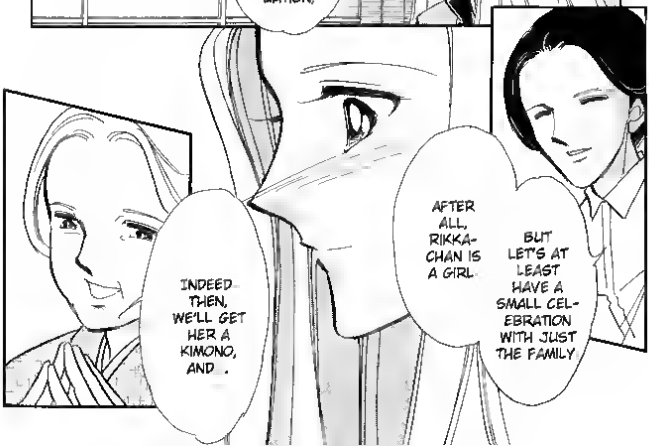
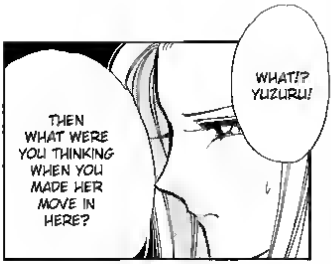
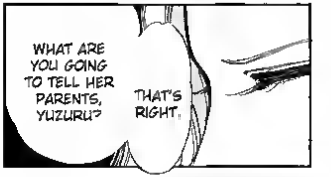



BUT LET'S AT LEAST HAVE A SMALL CELEBRATION WITH JUST THE FAMILY
AFTER ALL, RIKKA-CHAN IS A GIRL
INDEED THEN, WE'LL GET HER A KIMONO, AND .

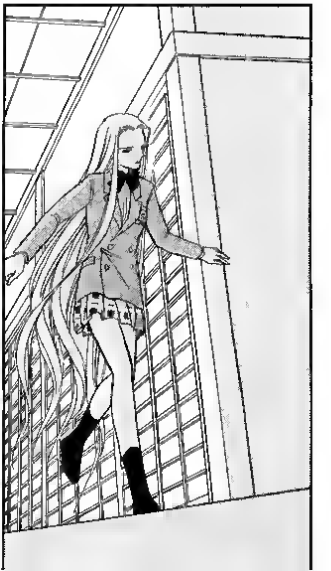
WAIT, GRAND-MOTHER AND MOTHER.
I DO NOT PLAN ON MARRY-ING RIKKA.
I..



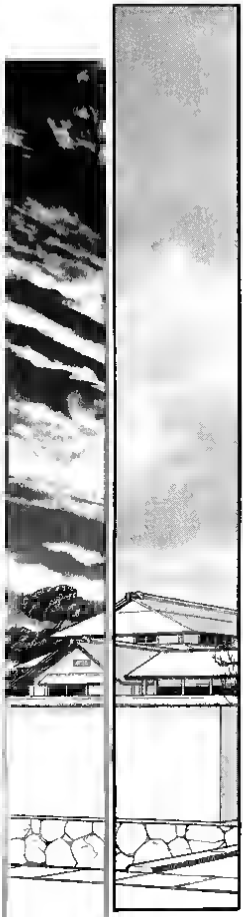
I KNOW.



I KNOW YUZURU-CHAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR ME.



AND I KNOW THAT HE'S ONLY WITH ME TO PROTECT ME, BUT..



I WANTED TO CONTINUE DREAMING A LITTLE LONGER. .

PANT
PANT
PANT
I KNEW ALL THAT, BUT IT HURTS TO ACCEPT IT.
I CAN'T BREATHE.

SPLSH
PLUNK
KICK

A GOLD STONE OR A SILVER STONE?
WAS THE STONE YOU KICKED
I MEAN I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LAUGH, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO IGNORE ME.
HEY, WAIT!!
TURN
....
I SAID, WAIT!
GRAB

LET ME GO!!
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
YOU SHOULD JUST GO BACK TO BE WITH RIKKA!
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
WHAT AM I SAYING. .
MY HEART IS KNOTTED-UP AND I CAN'T STOP THESE WORDS FROM FLOWING OUT.
I HATE YOU!!

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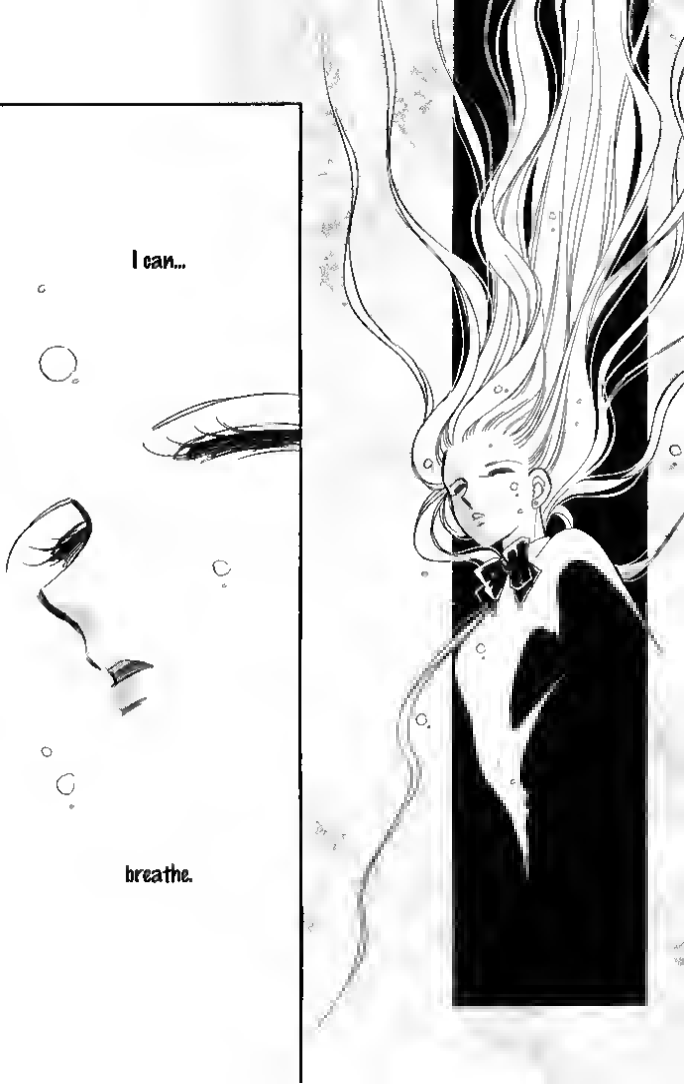
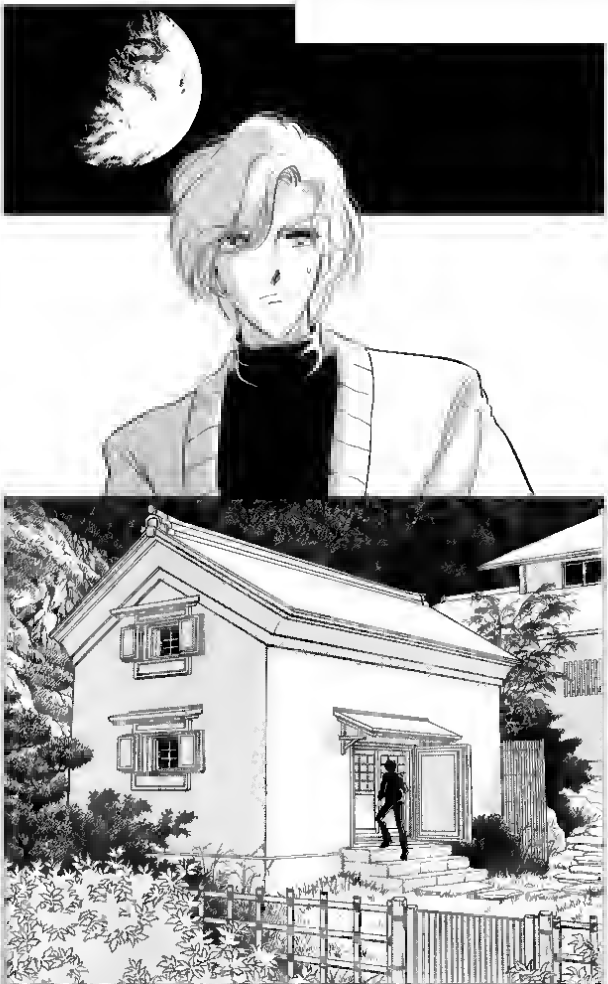

I can...
breathe.

The tumultuous feelings are being soothed away.
I can take a deep breath again...



CLUNK

"Rikka... I found it."
"I found a way for you to not have to assimilate with water..."
CLACK

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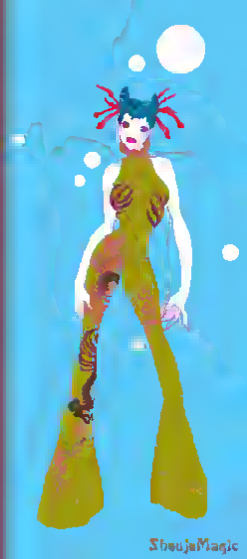

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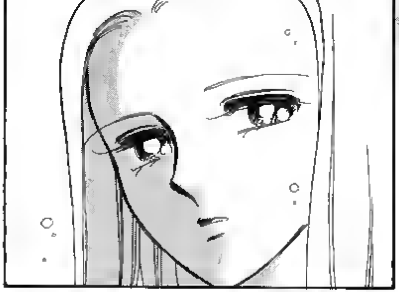
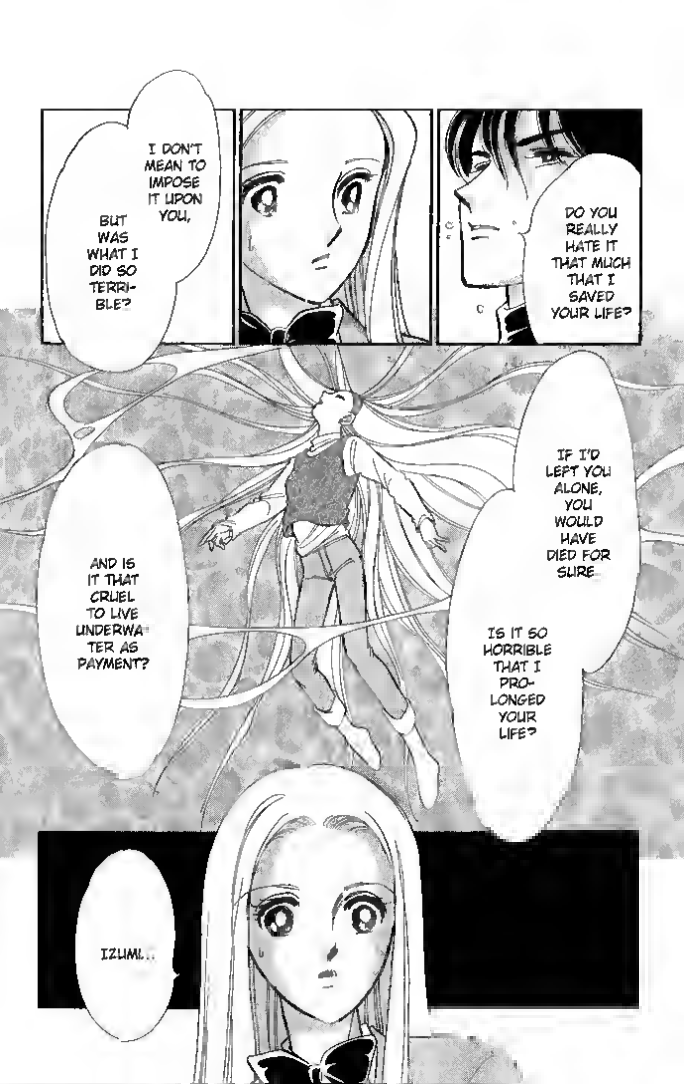
it hurts when I heard those words...
it hurts so much...
And yet, strangely... I can breathe again...



I'm so at peace...


DO YOU REALLY HATE IT THAT MUCH THAT I SAVED YOUR LIFE?
I DON'T MEAN TO IMPOSE IT UPON YOU,
BUT WAS WHAT I DID SO TERRIBLE?
IF I'D LEFT YOU ALONE, YOU WOULD HAVE DIED FOR SURE.
IS IT SO HORRIBLE THAT I PROLONGED YOUR LIFE?
AND IS IT THAT CRUEL TO LIVE UNDERWATER AS PAYMENT?
IZUMI...

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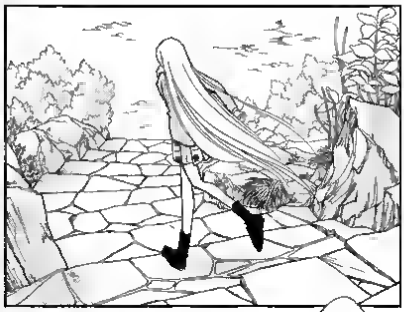
YUZURU SAYS HE WON'T MARRY YOU, RIGHT?
THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL HUNG UP ON THE OUTER-WORLD?
LIVING UNDERWA-TER IS MUCH MORE PLEASANT THAN YOU THINK.

I CAN BREATHE WITH EASE BY HIS SIDE, AND I CAN FORGET ABOUT YUZURU-CHAN FOR THE TIME BEING...

PLEASANT...?

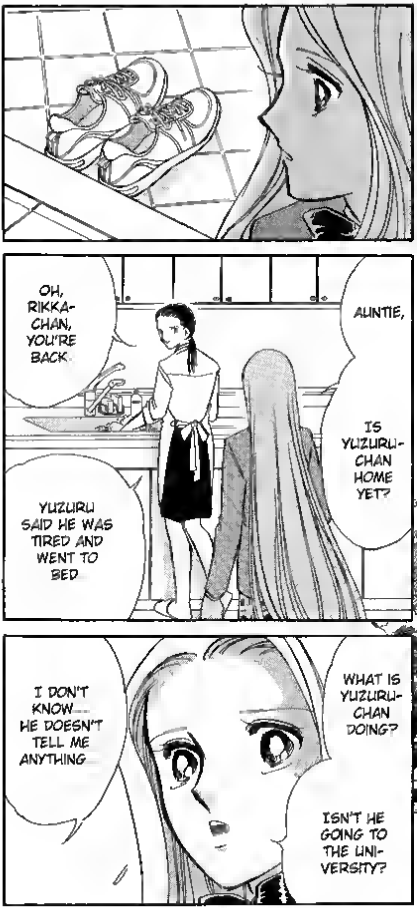
IT'S TRUE, THIS IS PLEASANT.

OH!
TH
D!
RIKKA !!
NO... OH MY GOD...!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MYSELF...!!



IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME,
FOR HER TO COMPLETELY ASSIMILATE WITH WATER.

WHERE'S YUZURU-CHAN?
HE LEFT EARLY IN THE MORNING
GOOD MORNING, RIKKA
GOOD MORNING, GRANNY AND AUNTIE
I SEE...


I'M HOME.
AUNTIE,
IS YUZURU-CHAN HOME YET?
OH, RIKKA-CHAN, YOU'RE BACK.
YUZURU SAID HE WAS TIRED AND WENT TO BED.
WHAT IS YUZURU-CHAN DOING?
ISN'T HE GOING TO THE UNI-VERSITY?
I DON'T KNOW... HE DOESN'T TELL ME ANYTHING.

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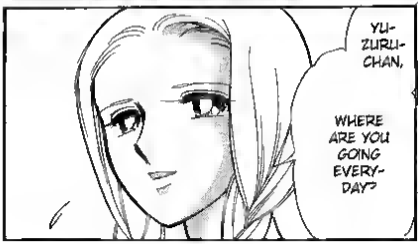
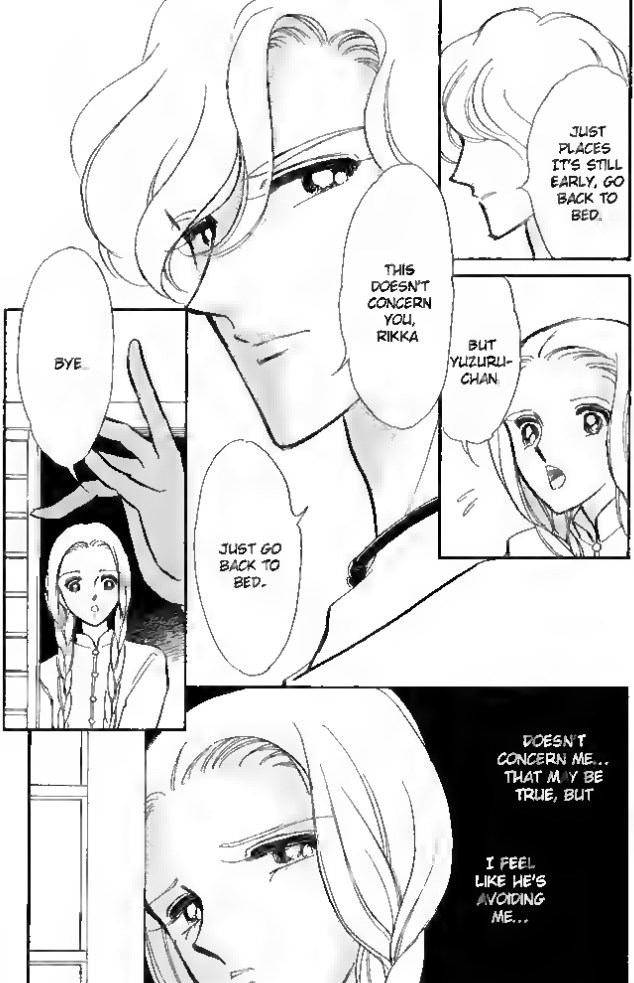
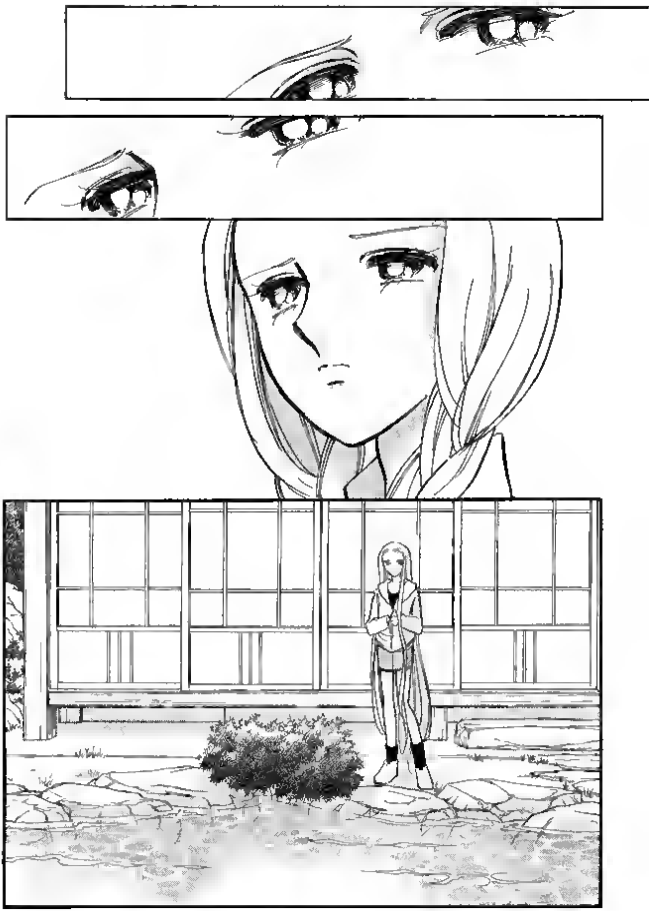
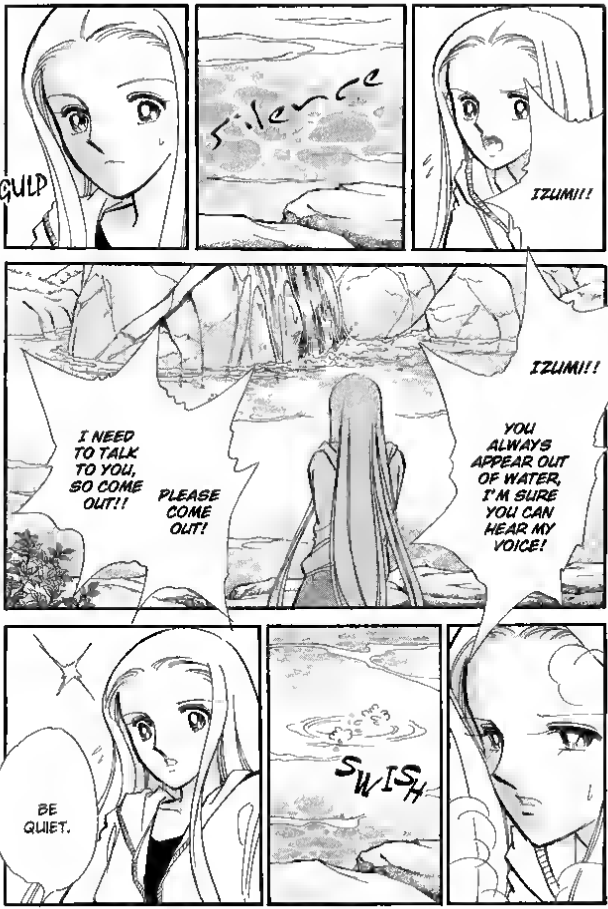
RIKKA.
IT'S SUNDAY... ARE YOU GOING OUT TODAY AGAIN?


YU-ZURU-CHAN.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING EVERY-DAY?


JUST PLACES IT'S STILL EARLY, GO BACK TO BED.
BUT YUZURU-CHAN.
THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU, RIKKA
JUST GO BACK TO BED.
BYE.
DOESN'T CONCERN ME... THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT
I FEEL LIKE HE'S AVOIDING ME...




GULP
silence
IZUMI!!
IZUMI!!
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU, SO COME OUT!!
PLEASE COME OUT!
YOU ALWAYS APPEAR OUT OF WATER, I'M SURE YOU CAN HEAR MY VOICE!
BE QUIET.
SWISH

IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS CALLING INTO THIN AIR,
BUT I'M PLEASED THAT YOU WANT ME.
SWISH
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WELL...
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY.
BUT YUZURU-CHAN SEEMS TO BE AVOIDING ME THESE DAYS, AND...
HMM,
YOU'VE BEEN REJECTING ME,
YET NOW THAT YOU'RE LONELY, YOU CALLED FOR ME?
I... THAT'S NOT...!!
I DON'T MIND
I'LL HELP YOU TAKE YOUR MIND OFF OF HIM
COME.

PULL
AH!
SPLSH!

WHERE IS THIS!?
IS IT CONNECTED TO OUR LAKE!?
WHOA ...!?
IT'S NOT CONNECTED ANYWHERE AND IT'S CONNECTED EVERY-WHERE.
HUH?
FIRST, LET'S GO HERE.
FLOAT

IT SMELLS NICE,
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE UNDER-WATER.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
JEWELRY, GOLD, ANY-THING...
WHAT DO GIRLS THESE DAYS LIKE?

WHAT I WANT...

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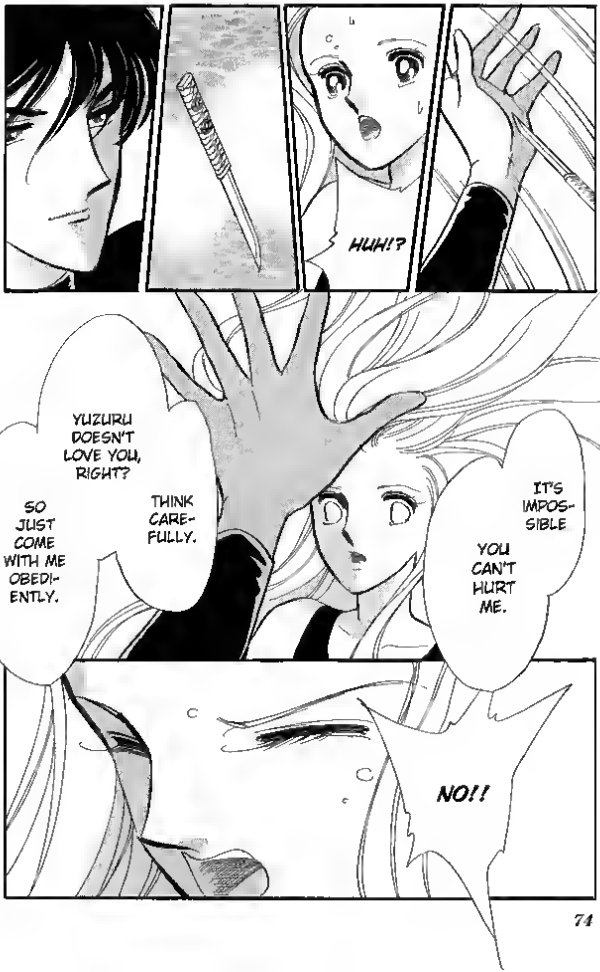
I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING I WANT,
BUT I DO HAVE A WISH..
WHAT IS IT?
!!

TELL ME!!
THERE'S A WAY TO NOT ASSIMILATE WITH WATER, ISN'T THERE!?
IF YOU WON'T TELL ME, I'LL STAB YOU!
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
I SEE..
SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

TELL ME!!
IF YOU WANT TO STAB ME, TRY IT.
SLASH
!!


HUH!?
YUZURU DOESN'T LOVE YOU, RIGHT?
THINK CAREFULLY.
SO JUST COME WITH ME OBEDIENTLY.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
YOU CAN'T HURT ME.
NO!!

IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT YUZURU-CHAN DOESN'T LOVE ME,
BUT I LOVE YUZURU-CHAN!!
I WON'T LIVE WITH YOU UNDER-WATER!

Memo
~~Water Shrine~~
~~Dragon God Shrine~~
~~Water Dragon Shrine~~
~~Water Dragon Shrine B~~
○Water Lake Shrine
○Hut Pond
○God Dragon Lake
○God Dragon Pond
Nakanomu Lake
Lake
SQUEAK

THIS ISN'T IT EITHER

THAT'S RIGHT,
IZUMI WON'T COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS.

YOU!!
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IZUMI, AREN'T YOU?
SINCE YOU'RE GOING AROUND SHRINES AND LAKES RELATED TO THE WATER DRAGON.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING WITH IZUMI?
HAVE YOU REALIZED SOME-THING?
!!

HAVE YOU PERHAPS,
REALIZED THE WAY TO STOP RIKKA FROM ASSIMILATING WITH WATER?
I KNEW IT.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU KEEP GOING LIKE THIS BUT.
I'LL LEND YOU THIS.

A BRONZE MIRROR!?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS?
YOU'LL HAVE TO THINK OF THAT ON YOUR OWN.
FLIP

YOU'VE GOT GOOD INSTINCT.
IZUMI WILL GO TO THAT SHRINE AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR LIST.
PROBABLY TONIGHT.
WAIT, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS!?
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS!?
IT'S UP TO YOU TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT.
WAIT!
FLOAT
BYE.
SPLASH

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ...!?
WHY WOULD SHE DO SOMETHING TO GIVE IZUMI A DISADVANTAGE!?

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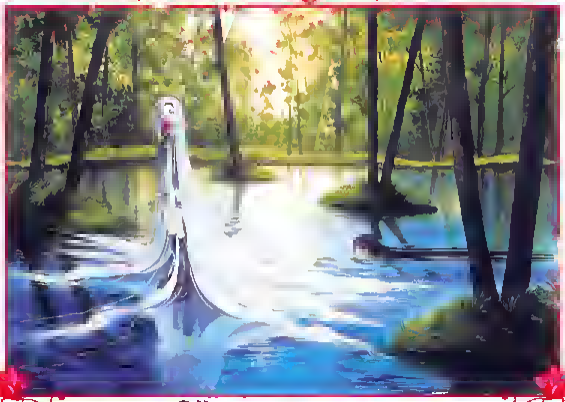

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MIZU NI SUMU HANA

The 7th chapter of this mysterious series!!

YUZURU OBTAINED KEY INFORMATION ON HOW TO SAVE RIKKA...

THE TANGLED THREADS OF FATE AROUND RIKKA FINALLY...!?

篠原千絵

Chie Shinohara

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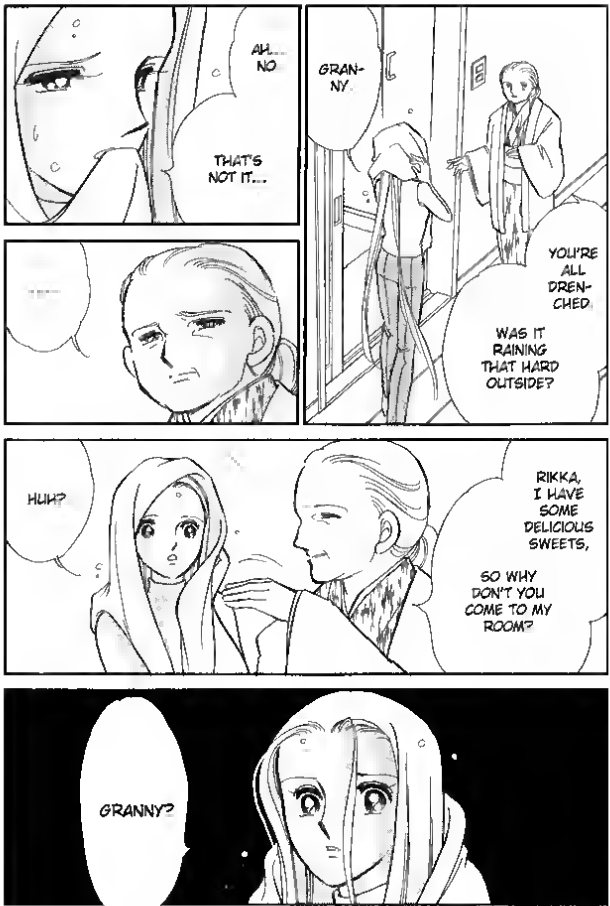
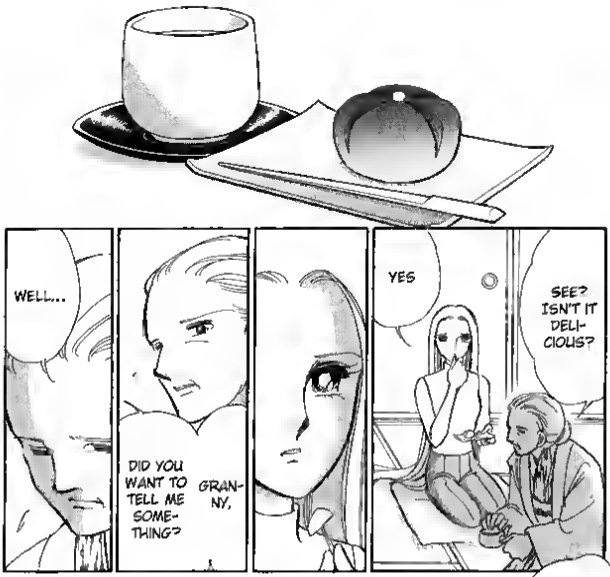
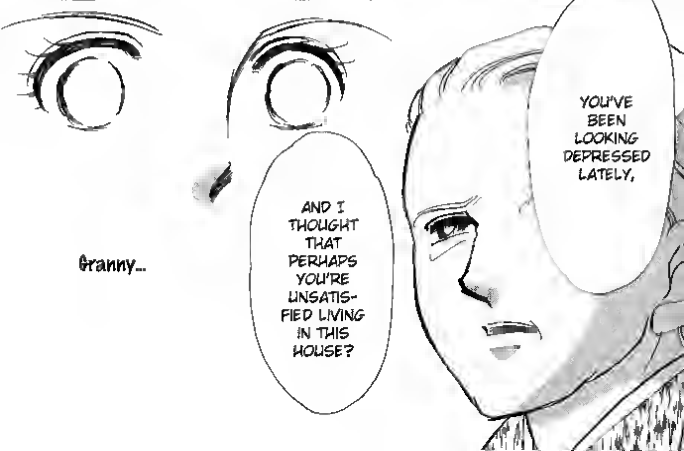
"You can't harm me."
"So just come with me obediently..."

I know that there's a way to keep from assimilating with water,
but how can I find the answer!?
What should I do...?
Is there a way besides asking Izumi or Rikka!?
RIKKA.


AH... NO
THAT'S NOT IT...
GRAN-NY
YOU'RE ALL DREN-CHED.
WAS IT RAINING THAT HARD OUTSIDE?
...
HUH?
RIKKA, I HAVE SOME DELICIOUS SWEETS,
SO WHY DON'T YOU COME TO MY ROOM?
GRANNY?


WELL...
DID YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING?
GRANNY,
YES
SEE? ISN'T IT DELICIOUS?


Granny...
AND I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS YOU'RE UNSATISFIED LIVING IN THIS HOUSE?
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING DEPRESSED LATELY,

YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, GRANNY!
RIKKA, DO YOU NOT LIKE YUZURU?
BUT YOU AND YUZURU HAVE GOTTEN ALONG SO WELL EVER SINCE YOU WERE CHILDREN
IT MAY BE A LITTLE TOO OLD-FASHIONED TO ARRANGE YOUR MARRIAGE LIKE THIS,
Granny.
PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT I WISH FOR BOTH YOURS AND YUZURU'S HAPPINESS.
RIKKA, IT'S NOT BECAUSE I CARE ABOUT OUR FAMILY NAME THAT I WANT YOU TO,
BUT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO MARRY OFF INTO ANOTHER FAMILY, AND LEAVE US

I'm sorry Granny.
I do like Yuzuru-chan. I love him!!
DON'T WORRY, GRANNY.
I'M HAPPY LIVING IN THIS HOUSE.
But if I don't do something, I will only be able to live underwater. Yuzuru-chan stays by my side only because he's worried about me.

If that is the case, then this is the place, but..
I wonder if what Rikka told me can be trusted.
"Izumi will appear at that shrine... probably tonight..."

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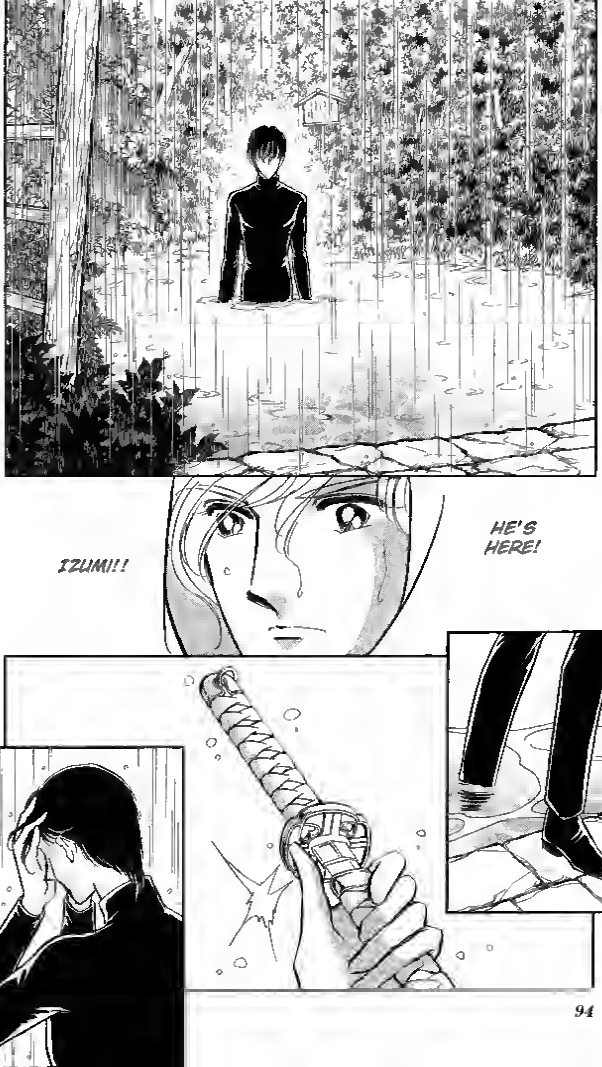
IZUMI!!
HE'S HERE!

FWSH
SPLASH
SO, YUZURU, YOUR PLAN IS TO KILL ME?
THAT'S RIGHT
IF YOU'RE GONE, EVERYTHING WILL BE RESOLVED

WHEN YOU DRAINED MY ENERGY LAST TIME,
I REALIZED,
THAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF GIVING AND TAKING LIFE.
IF THE GOLDEN SEED IS ALSO YOUR CREATION,
AM I WRONG!?
THEN IF I GET RID OF YOU, RIKKA WILL BE SAVED!
SHE'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE, AND NOT LIVE UNDERWATER!
FWSH

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THU
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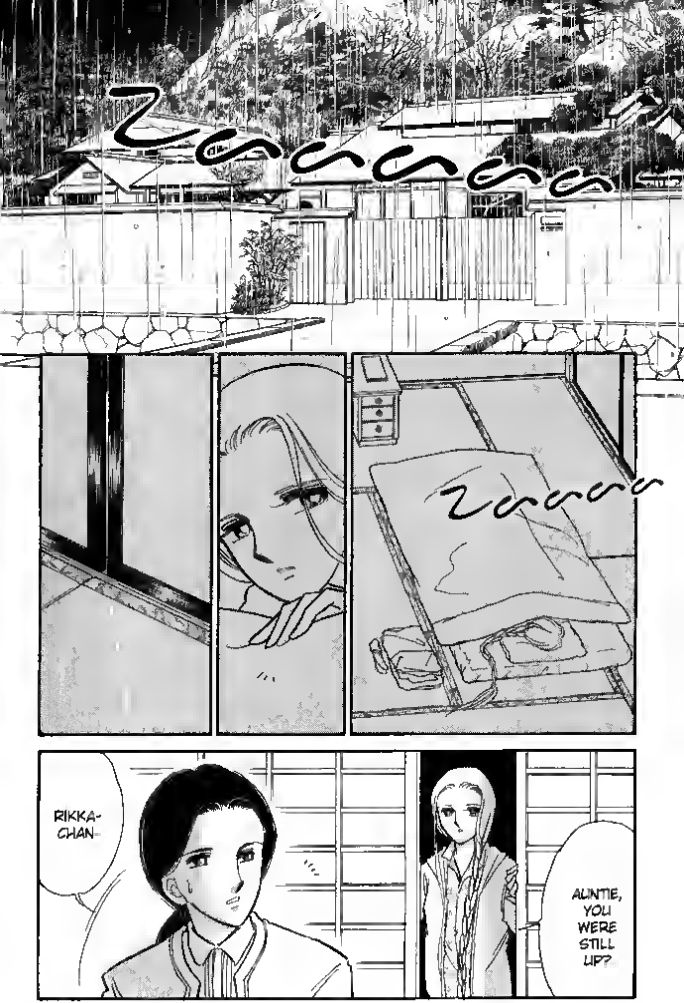
I ADMIT,
THAT IF I AM GONE, THEN RIKKA'S ASSIMILATION WILL STOP
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CAUSE ME ANY HARM.
BUT YOU CAN'T KILL ME


RIKKA-CHAN
AUNTIE, YOU WERE STILL UP?

YUZURU HASN'T COME HOME SINCE THIS MORNING.
YUZURU-CHAN?
THE RAIN'S GETTING STRONGER, AND I CAN'T REACH HIS CELL EITHER
HE'S ONLY BEEN HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY AND I'M SO WORRIED...
YUZURU-CHAN.
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FLASH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
!!
SPLASH
I'VE BEEN LENIENT IN LETTING YOU LIVE, BUT DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO INTERFERE, I HOPE YOU'RE PREPARED FOR WHAT'S COMING!
THE MIRROR THAT RIKKA GAVE ME..!!
FLASH

A DRAGON !?
!!

.....
STOP THAT!!
CRACK
AAAAAH!

I SEE, IT'S RIKKA.
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT MIRROR !?

!?
IT'S SUDDENLY RAINING EVEN HARDER!?
IT MUST BE RIKKA'S DOING.
WHAT IS SHE THINKING?
WHAT!?

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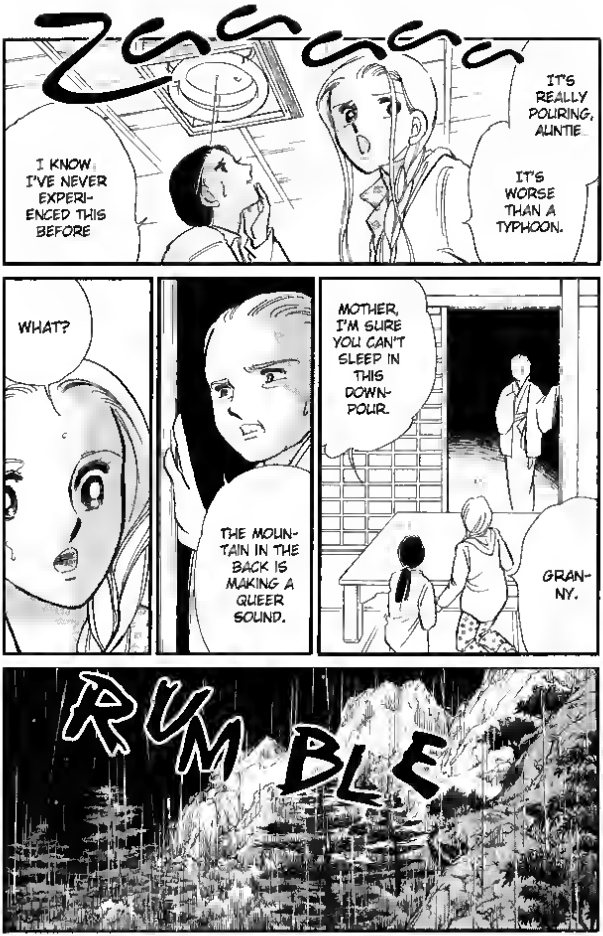
IT'S REALLY POURING, AUNTIE
IT'S WORSE THAN A TYPHOON.
I KNOW. I'VE NEVER EXPERI-ENCED THIS BEFORE
MOTHER, I'M SURE YOU CAN'T SLEEP IN THIS DOWN-POUR.
GRAN-NY.
THE MOUN-TAIN IN THE BACK IS MAKING A QUEER SOUND.
WHAT?
RUMBLE

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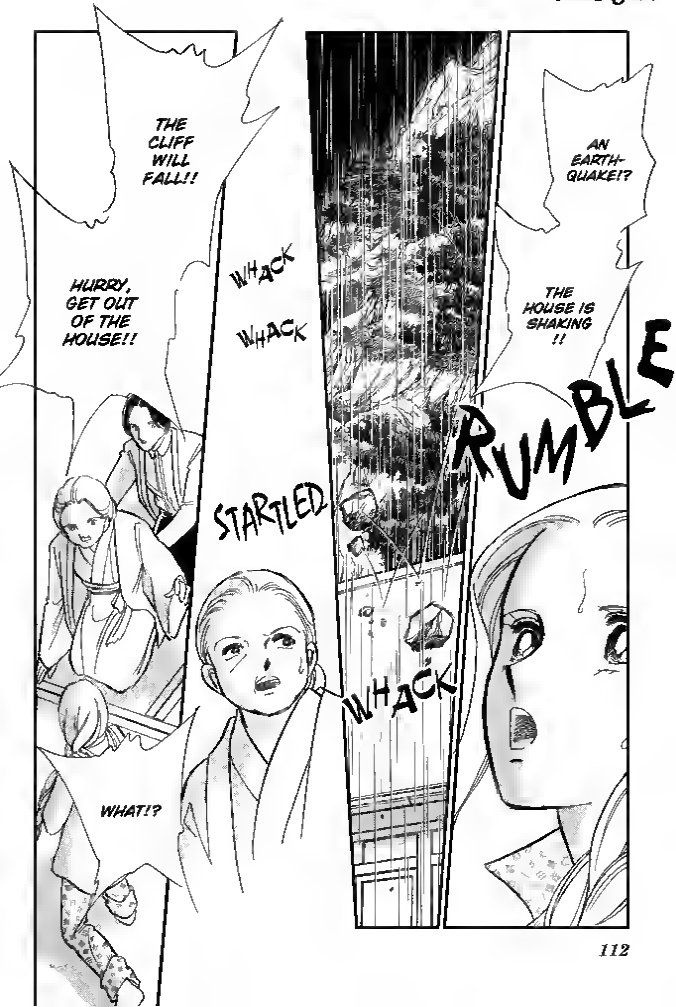
WHAT!?
YOUR HOUSE IS ON A CLIFF ISN'T IT?
IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING IF THE GROUND BENEATH GIVES WAY.
!!
IT'S TOO BAD,
I CAN'T STOP THIS RAIN NOW THAT I'VE BEEN INJURED.

Rikka!!


THE CLIFF WILL FALL!!
HURRY, GET OUT OF THE HOUSE!!
WHACK
WHACK
STARTLED
WHACK
WHAT!?
AN EARTH-QUAKE!?
THE HOUSE IS SHAKING !!
RUMBLE

RIKKA !!
GRANNY!! AUNTIE!!
BAM
RIKKA-CHAN!! MOTHER!!

Boom
AAAH!!
AAH!!
RIKKA !!

RIKKA,
ONLY ONE OF US CAN KEEP LIVING
SO YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DIE,
AND THAT MEANS I'LL CONTINUE TO LIVE.

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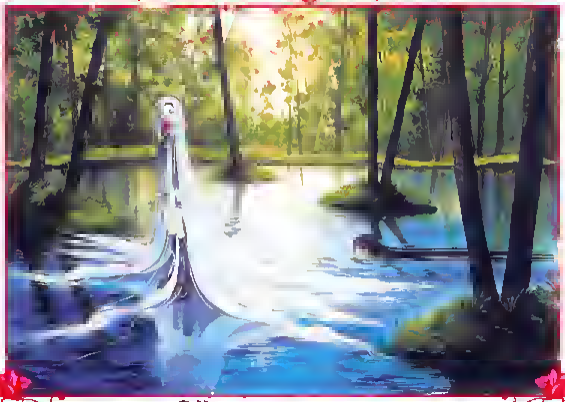

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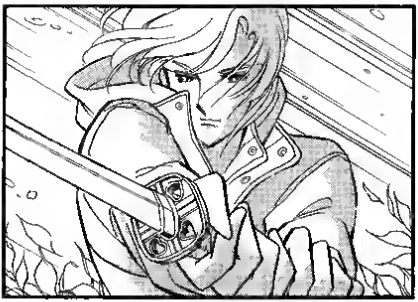
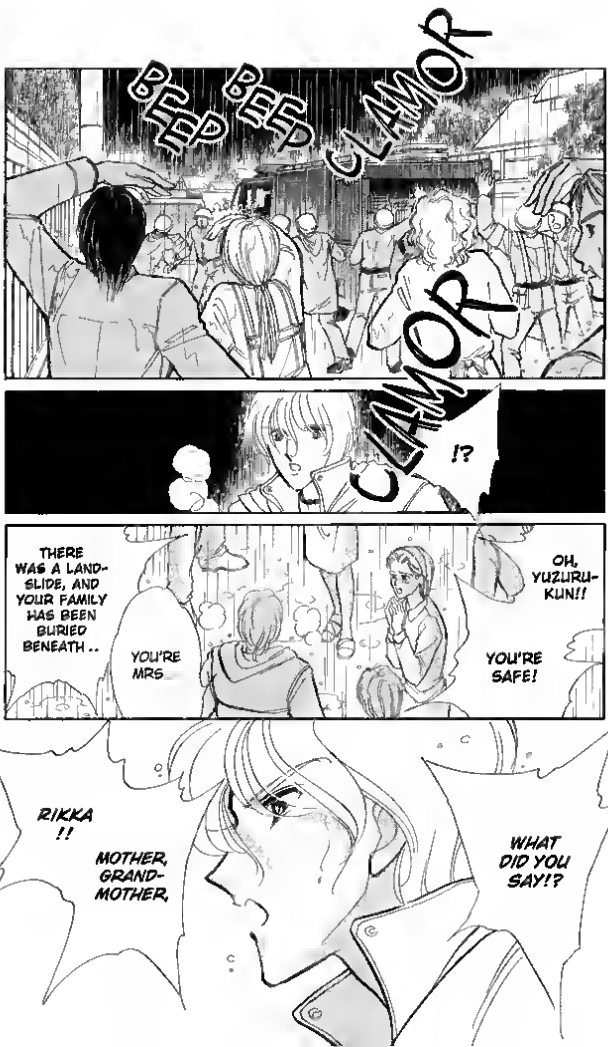


Is it Rikka who's making it rain this hard!?
Does she mean to kill Rikka at all costs!?


BEEP BEEP
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
!?
THERE WAS A LAND-SLIDE, AND YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN BURIED BENEATH..
YOU'RE MRS
OH, YUZURU-KUN!!
YOU'RE SAFE!
RIKKA !!
MOTHER, GRAND-MOTHER,
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

!!
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RESCUE, BUT...
HAVE YOU FOUND ANY-ONE!?
ARE THEY OKAY!?
I LIVE HERE! MY FAMILY IS STILL TRAPPED INSIDE!
YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE!

.....
I FOUND SOMEONE! OVER HERE!!

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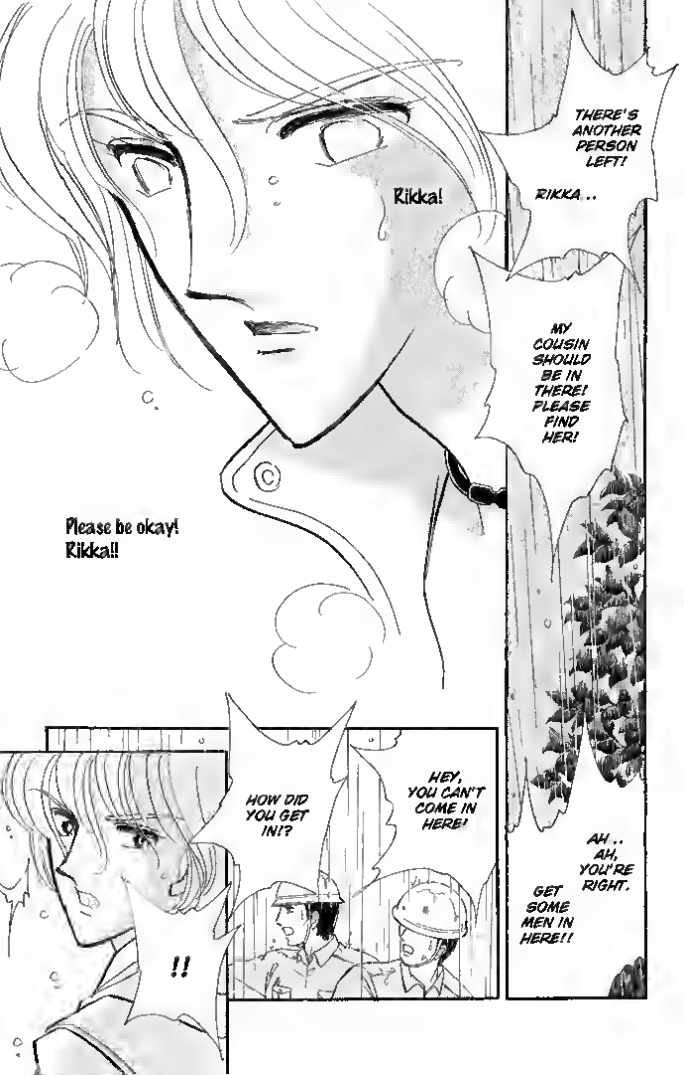
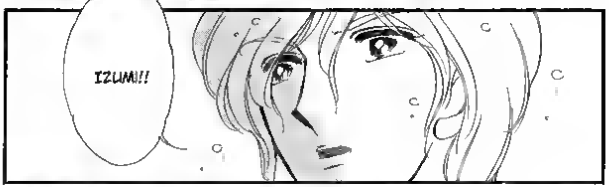
SHE'S NOT BREATHING!
THERE'S NO PULSE!!
YOU! GET OUT OF THE WAY!
THE OTHER ONE'S TRAPPED BENEATH A PILLAR.
WHIRR
MOTHER!!
DON'T GIVE UP YET!! SEND THEM TO THE HOSPITAL!
WE HAVE TO PULL THE PILLAR OUT!!
EASY, EASY DOES IT.
GRANDMOTHER...
THAT'S RIGHT, PULL IT AWAY SLOWLY.
OKAY, WE GOT HER!!


Rikka!
Please be okay! Rikka!!
THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON LEFT!
RIKKA..
MY COUSIN SHOULD BE IN THERE! PLEASE FIND HER!
AH.. AH, YOU'RE RIGHT. GET SOME MEN IN HERE!!
HEY, YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE!
HOW DID YOU GET IN!?
!!

YOU'RE IN THE WAY! GET OUT!


IZUMI!!

YOU KNOW HIM?
AH.. WELL, HE

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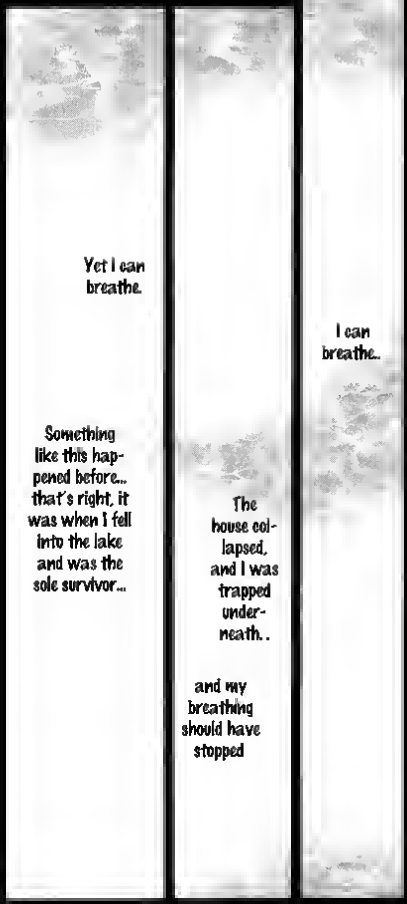
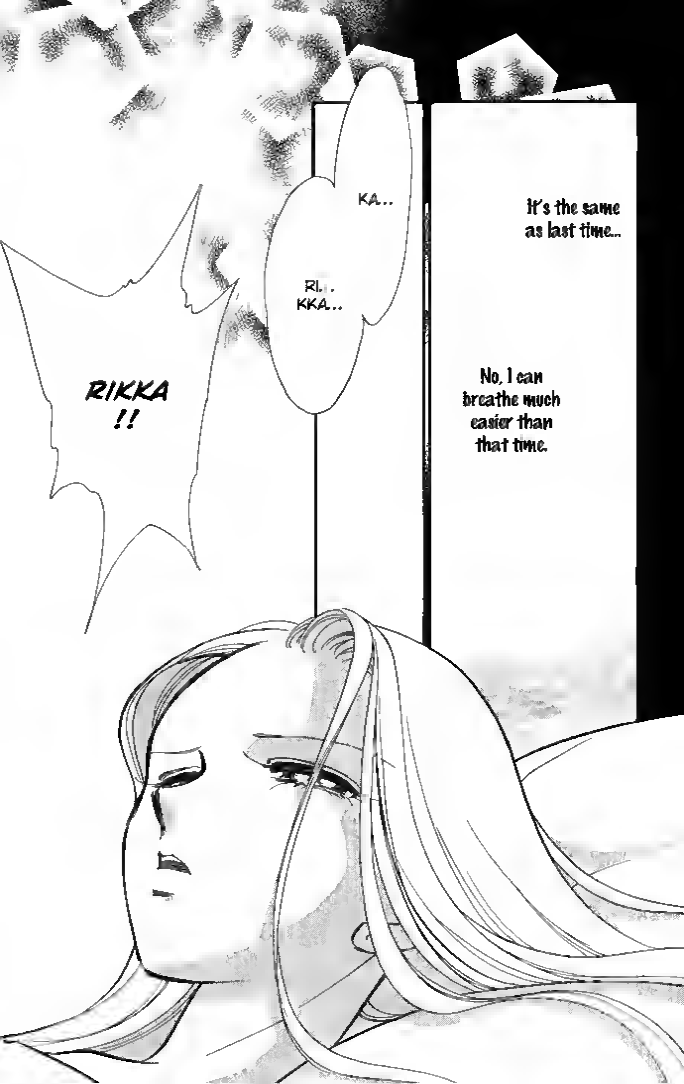
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
SHE IS FATED TO LIVE UNDER-WATER.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE WILL SUFFO-CATE.
NOT WHEN HER ASSIMILA-TION HAS ADVANCED THIS FAR
WE FOUND HER!!
RIKKA !!
IT'S A GIRL! SHE'S ALIVE!!

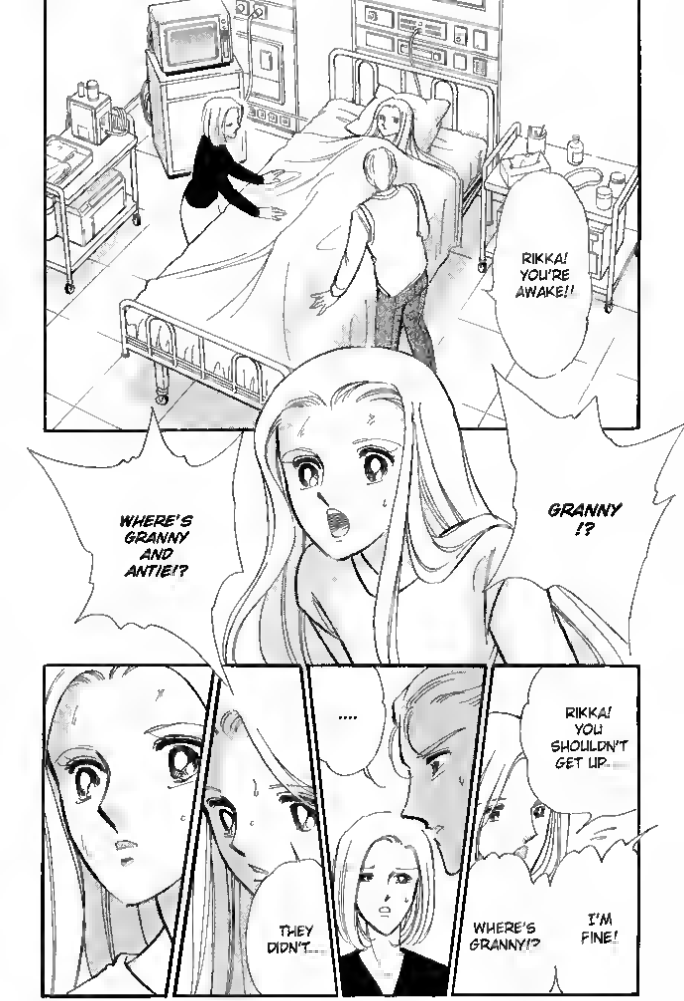
TWITCH
RIKKA!

SHE'S BEEN BURIED FOR MORE THAN 3 HOURS! IT'S A MIRACLE
BUT I'M IMPRESSED THAT SHE'S ALIVE
CAN YOU UNDERSTAND ME? YOU'RE SAVED
WE'LL SEND HER TO THE HOSPITAL
!!
HIS INJURED EYE...
HEALED!?

YOU!
IF YOU'RE GOING WITH HER ON THE AMBULANCE, HURRY UP!!
CLUNK


Yet I can breathe.
Something like this happened before... that's right, it was when I fell into the lake and was the sole survivor...
The house collapsed, and I was trapped underneath..
and my breathing should have stopped
I can breathe..


It's the same as last time...
No, I can breathe much easier than that time.
KA...
RI..
KKA...
RIKKA !!



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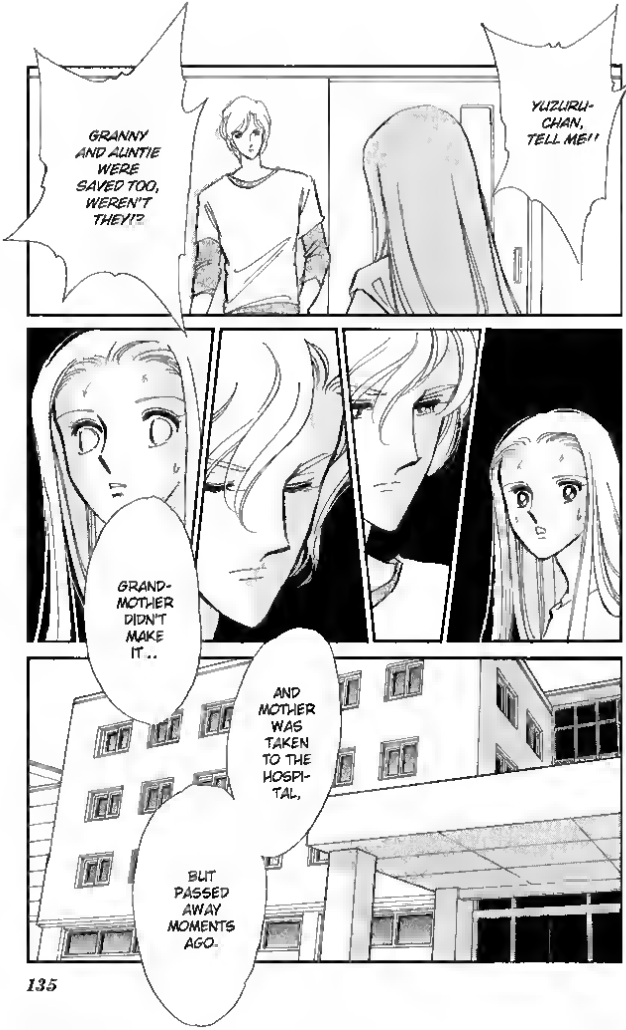
YUZURU-CHAN, TELL ME!!
GRANNY AND AUNTIE WERE SAVED TOO, WEREN'T THEY!?
GRAND-MOTHER DIDN'T MAKE IT..
AND MOTHER WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPI-TAL,
BUT PASSED AWAY MOMENTS AGO.

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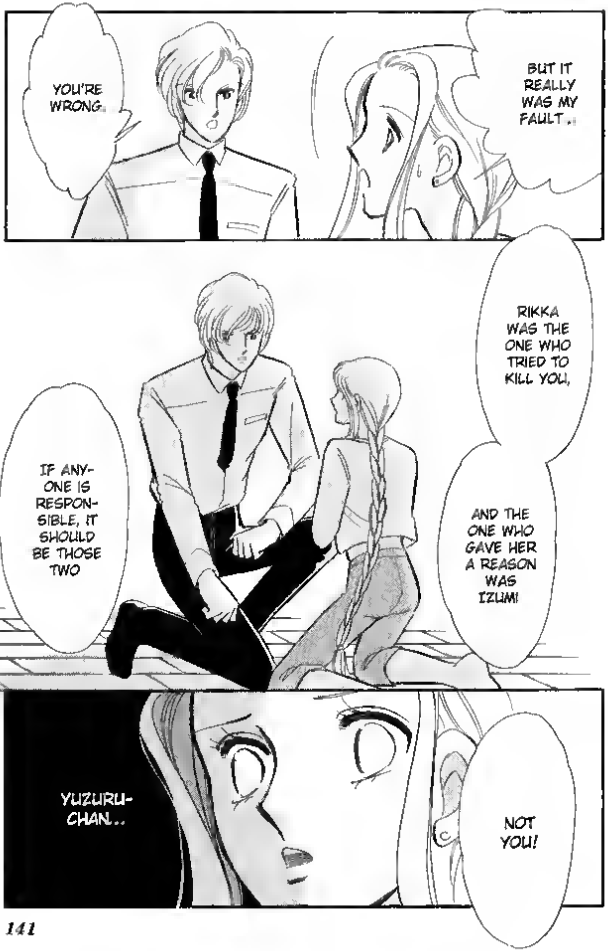
That landslide was supposed to kill me.
Yet I was saved, and Granny and Auntie...
It's my fault that the two of them lost their lives!!

FUNERAL PARLOR
IS RIKKA STAYING AT HOME?
YES, SHE BARELY EVEN EATS.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A SHOCK FOR HER.

That was obviously targeted at me!
And this time as well...
It's all my fault!!
RIKKA, I'M COMING IN
CLICK

YUZURU-CHAN.
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST OPEN THE CURTAINS
SWISH
RIKKA,
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT THINKING THAT IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT GRANDMOTHER AND MOTHER PASSED AWAY.
STOP BELIEVING SUCH OUTRAGEOUS THOUGHTS.


YOU'RE WRONG.
BUT IT REALLY WAS MY FAULT...
RIKKA WAS THE ONE WHO TRIED TO KILL YOU,
AND THE ONE WHO GAVE HER A REASON WAS IZUMI
IF ANY-ONE IS RESPON-SIBLE, IT SHOULD BE THOSE TWO
YUZURU-CHAN...
NOT YOU!

LISTEN, RIKKA
THERE'S A WAY TO STOP YOU FROM ASSIMILATING WITH WATER!
KILL IZUMI, WHO IS AT THE ROOT OF ALL THIS!
HE HOLDS THE KEY TO LIFE
IF HE IS GONE, THEN YOUR TRANSFORMATION WILL STOP AS WELL.

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS ALL BY MYSELF.
I HAD NO INTENTION OF TELLING YOU, RIKKA
KILL IZUMI?
YUZURU-CHAN?
AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO TROUBLE YOURSELF ABOUT GRAND-MOTHER AND MOTHER.
BUT...

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU TO WATER.
BUT ONCE HE DISAP-PEARS, YOU CAN LIVE LIFE NOR-MALLY!!
IT'S DIFFICULT TO HARM IZUMI.
IF I KILL IZUMI,
IT'LL STOP ME FROM ASSIMILAT-ING WITH WATER...?

Kill...
Izumi!?

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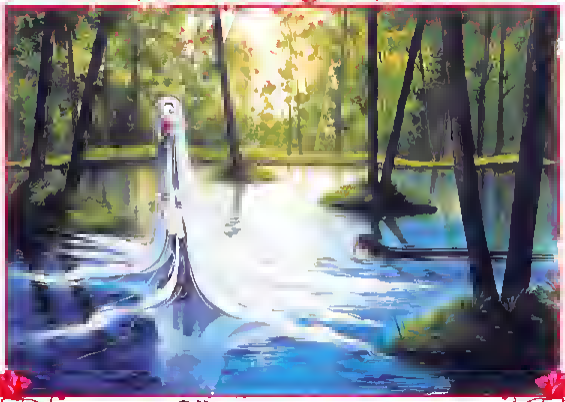

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IF I KILL IZUMI, IT'LL STOP ME FROM ASSIMILATING WITH WATER...?
KILL IZUMI...?
BUT HOW!?
IT'S DIFFICULT EVEN TO MAKE A SCRATCH ON HIM!!

Underwater !?
THAT WAY, WE CAN KILL IZUMI.
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO ATTACK UNDER-WATER.
HIS TRUE FORM IS UNDER-WATER.
IZUMI IS NOT IN HIS TRUE FORM IN THIS WORLD.
I MEAN THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF WATER.
BUT THAT'S ONLY IN THIS WORLD.
THIS WORLD!?
AND EVEN IF WE DO, HE HEALS QUICKLY.
IT CER-TAINLY IS QUITE A TASK TO HARM HIM.

I can get underwater.
And I know that my body is increasingly changing.
I can breathe underwater, and my body has assimilated to water enough already,
so that I even survived that landslide.
Yet...

BUT YUZURU-CHAN.
RIKKA.

SPARK
WHAT'S WRONG, YUZURU-CHAN?
AH.. NOTHING
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY SOME-THING?
Y...YES YOU SAID, "UNDERWA-TER"... BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO ENTER THE WORLD OF WATER?

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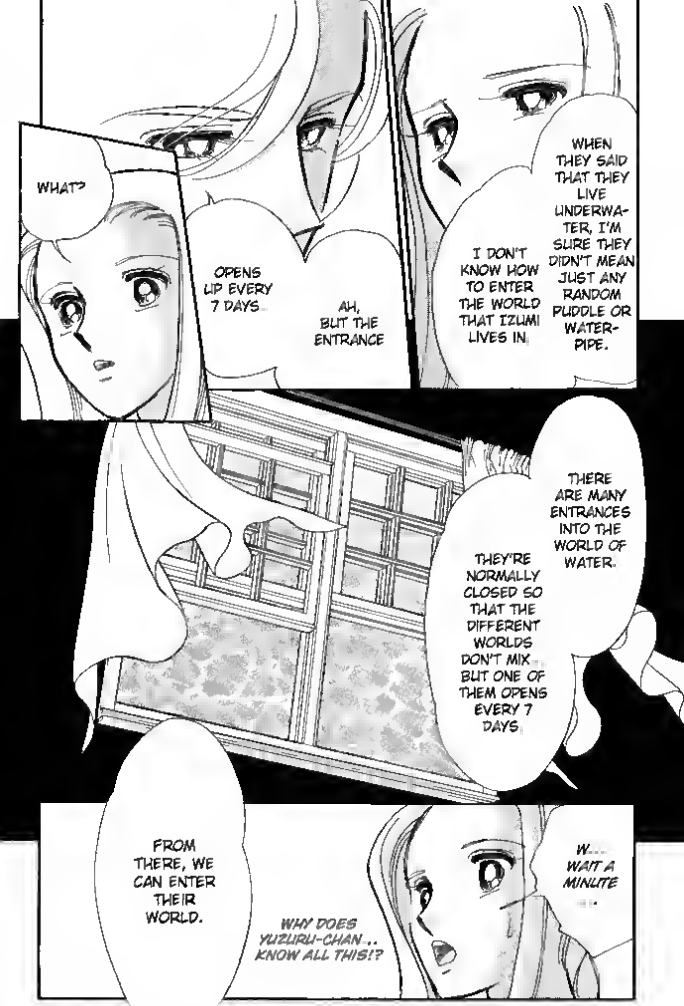
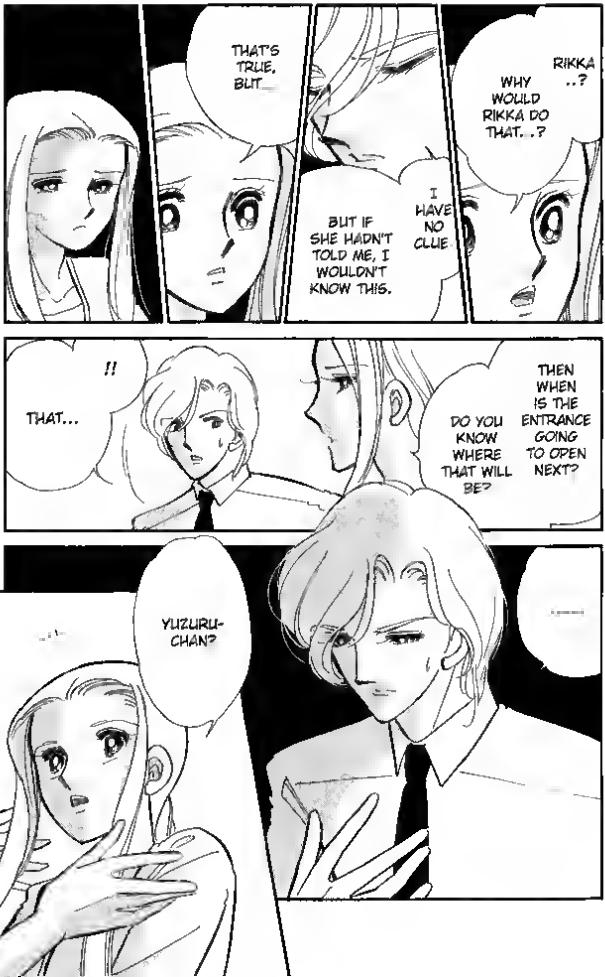

WHEN THEY SAID THAT THEY LIVE UNDERWATER, I'M SURE THEY DIDN'T MEAN JUST ANY RANDOM PUDDLE OR WATER-PIPE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ENTER THE WORLD THAT IZUMI LIVES IN.
AH, BUT THE ENTRANCE OPENS UP EVERY 7 DAYS.
WHAT?
THERE ARE MANY ENTRANCES INTO THE WORLD OF WATER.
THEY'RE NORMALLY CLOSED SO THAT THE DIFFERENT WORLDS DON'T MIX. BUT ONE OF THEM OPENS EVERY 7 DAYS.
W... WAIT A MINUTE...
WHY DOES YUZURU-CHAN... KNOW ALL THIS!?
FROM THERE, WE CAN ENTER THEIR WORLD.

BUT IZUMI WILL ALSO BE THERE ON THAT DAY, SO BE CAREFUL.
IN ORDER FOR HIM TO MAINTAIN HIS HUMAN FORM, HE MUST GO BACK ON A REGULAR BASIS TO BREATHE IN THE ENERGY THERE
YUZURU-CHAN, HANG ON.
HOW COME YOU KNOW ALL THIS!?
SO YOU MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO ACCIDENTALLY BUMP INTO HIM BEFORE ENTERING...

I THOUGHT I COULD KILL HIM BY MYSELF, SO I SEARCHED FOR IZUMI.
I WROTE DOWN SOME POSSIBLE POINTS OF ENTRANCE.
THEY'RE MOSTLY SACRED AREAS RELATED TO WATER
I'M ASKING YOU, WHY DO YOU KNOW THIS IN SO MUCH DETAIL!?
I HEARD IT FROM THE OTHER RIKKA.


RIKKA ..?
WHY WOULD RIKKA DO THAT. .?
I HAVE NO CLUE
BUT IF SHE HADN'T TOLD ME, I WOULDN'T KNOW THIS.
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
THEN WHEN IS THE ENTRANCE GOING TO OPEN NEXT?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT WILL BE?
!!
THAT...
YUZURU-CHAN?

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IT'S GOING TO OPEN THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
THE ENTRANCE IS SHINSEN LAKE AT SUIGUU SHRINE.*
....
DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM RIKKA?
THAT'S RIGHT.
REALLY ...?
I MEAN, OF COURSE HE WOULDN'T KNOW THAT UNLESS SOMEONE TOLD HIM, BUT...
OKAY, SO IT'S THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T ATTEND GRANNY'S AND AUNTIE'S FUNERAL.
I'LL GO GIVE THE INCENSES

*NOTE The kanji for "Shinsen" means divine fountain, and the kanji for "Suigu" means water passage

I'M SORRY,
RIKKA.

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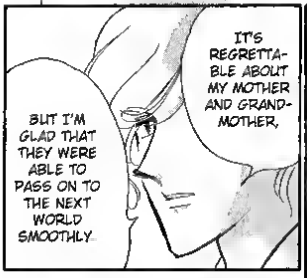
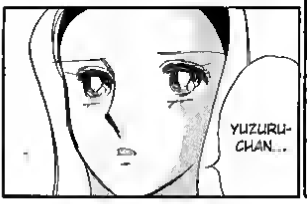
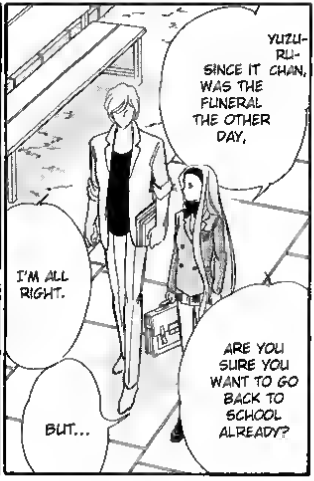
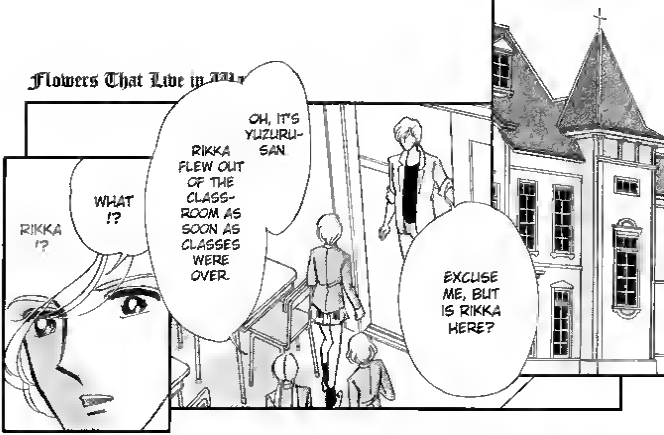

IT'S REGRETTABLE ABOUT MY MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER,
BUT I'M GLAD THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO PASS ON TO THE NEXT WORLD SMOOTHLY.

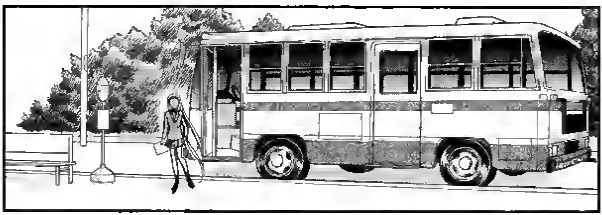

YUZURU-CHAN...

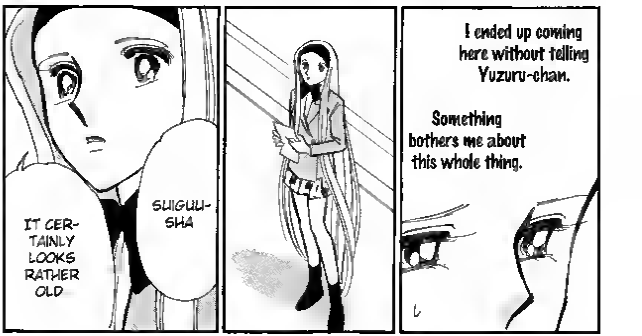

YUZURU-CHAN, SINCE IT WAS THE FUNERAL THE OTHER DAY,
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL ALREADY?
I'M ALL RIGHT.
BUT...

SO MAKE SURE YOU STUDY HARD TODAY.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABSENT TOMORROW,
SEE YOU
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH
ARE YOU OKAY NOW?
RIKKA!
YUZURU-CHAN!
He looks like he's trying too hard to be cheerful...
and he's really not acting like himself.
He said that the entrance will open tomorrow,
but shouldn't I take a look beforehand?

Should I ask
Yuzuru-chan...?


OH, IT'S YUZURU-SAN
RIKKA FLEW OUT OF THE CLASS-ROOM AS SOON AS CLASSES WERE OVER.
WHAT !?
RIKKA !?
EXCUSE ME, BUT IS RIKKA HERE?




IT CER-TAINLY LOOKS RATHER OLD
SUIGUU-SHA
I ended up coming here without telling Yuzuru-chan.
Something bothers me about this whole thing.

WHERE IS THE LAKE..?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE SHINSEI LAKE, IT'S BEHIND THE SHRINE
!!

RIKKA !!
SUIGUUSHA
SINCE YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE,
I TAKE IT YOU'VE GOTTEN A BIT SMARTER?
IT'S NOT ONLY YOUR BODY THAT ASSIMILATES WITH WATER,
BUT ALSO YOUR MIND.
RIKKA!
I KNOW YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAUSED ALL THAT RAIN!! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED GRANNY AND AUNTIE!!
HMM, WELL, I DO FEEL BAD ABOUT THAT,
BUT IT'S HALF YOUR FAULT TOO
THEY DIED BECAUSE YOU WERE WITH THEM

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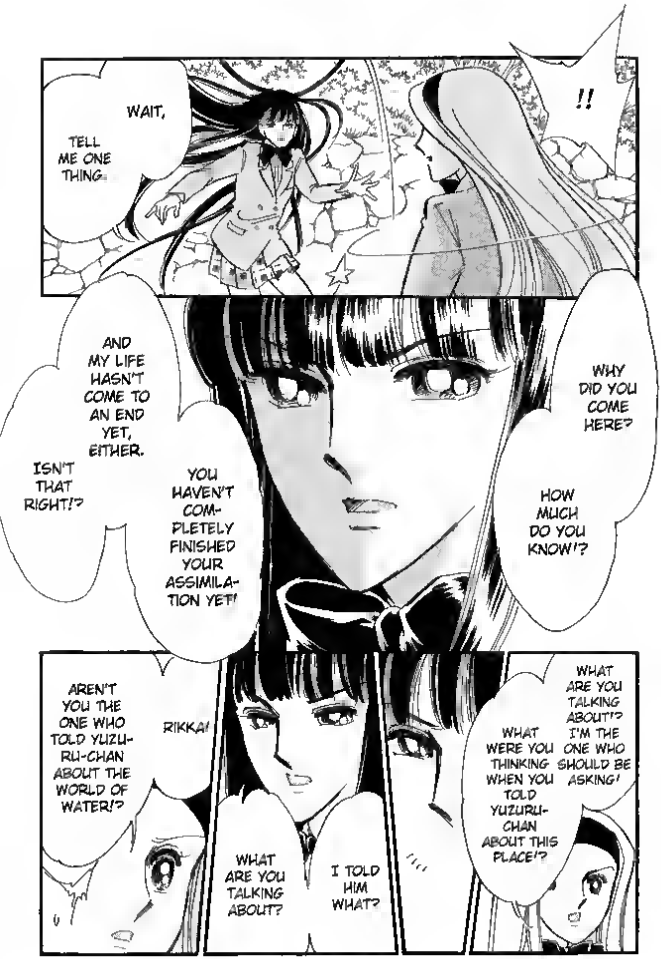

!!
WAIT,
TELL ME ONE THING.
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW!?
YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETELY FINISHED YOUR ASSIMILATION YET!
AND MY LIFE HASN'T COME TO AN END YET, EITHER.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE ASKING!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING WHEN YOU TOLD YUZURU-CHAN ABOUT THIS PLACE!?
I TOLD HIM WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
RIKKA!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO TOLD YUZURU-CHAN ABOUT THE WORLD OF WATER!?

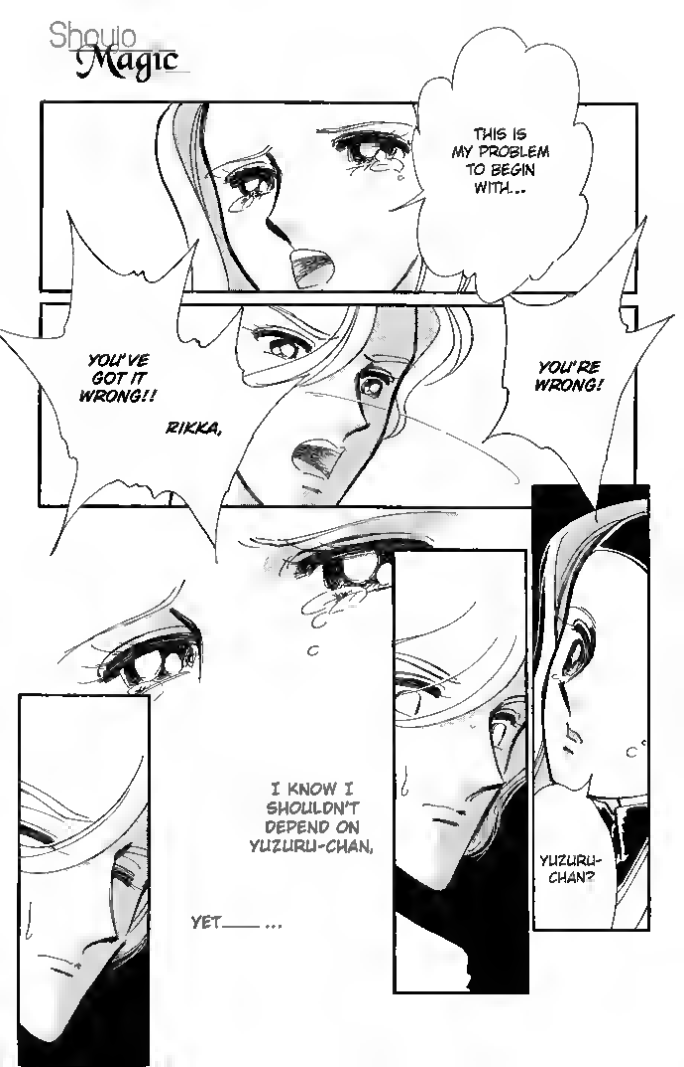
WHY WOULD I TELL HIM ABOUT THE WORLD OF WATER OR THIS PLACE?
THERE'S NO ADVANTAGE FOR ME TO DO THAT!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
WHY!?
IF IT WASN'T RIKKA WHO TOLD HIM, THEN HOW DOES HE KNOW SO MUCH!?
YUZURU-CHAN?
DART

WHAT IS UP WITH THAT GIRL ..?
RIKKA!

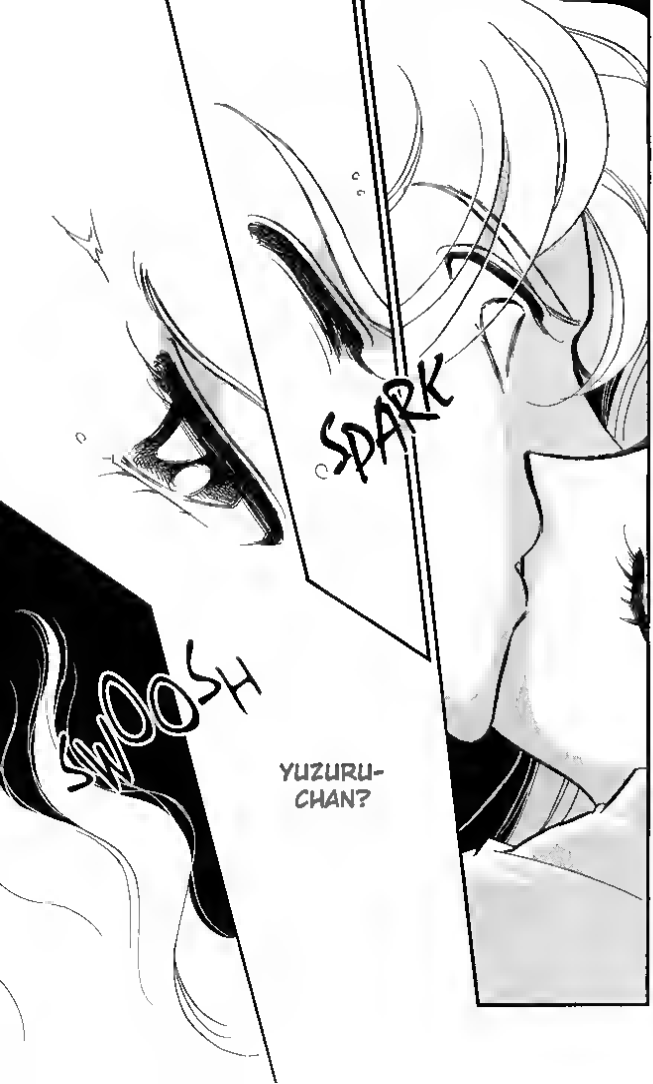
YUZURU-CHAN!!

PANT
PANT
PANT
GULP
WHAT'S WRONG, RIKKA?
PANT
PANT
YUZURU-CHAN, RIKKA TOLD ME THAT SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT THE WORLD OF WATER OR ABOUT THE SHRINE.
WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH!?
YUZURU-CHAN. DID YOU REALLY HEAR IT FROM RIKKA?

YUZURU-CHAN,
PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU KNOW SOME-THING!!
I KNOW I'M CAUSING YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE.
YOU TOLD ME NOT TO WORRY, BUT IT'S MY FAULT THAT GRANNY AND AUNTIE DIED
BUBBLE
YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TRUST ME ANYMORE, YUZURU-CHAN.
BUT IF YOU TELL ME, THEN I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING BY MYSELF
SPLASH


THIS IS MY PROBLEM TO BEGIN WITH...
YOU'RE WRONG!
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!!
RIKKA,
YUZURU-CHAN?
I KNOW I SHOULDN'T DEPEND ON YUZURU-CHAN,
YET____ ...

I'VE LOVED YUZURU-CHAN SINCE CHILDHOOD.
——YET...
DON'T THINK ABOUT ACTING ON YOUR OWN. I'M GOING WITH YOU TO THE SHRINE TOMORROW.
ANYWAYS, I'M NOT HIDING ANYTHING.


SPARK
SWOOSH
YUZURU-CHAN?

RIPPLE
!?
SPLASH
GRAB
YUZURU-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG!?

DON'T TOUCH ME!! RIKKA!!
SWOOSH

This wave...
the weight of the air and smell...
Why do I know this...?

Long ago, in the ancient days...
I've felt all this before!?
JUST WHAT IS THIS GUY!?

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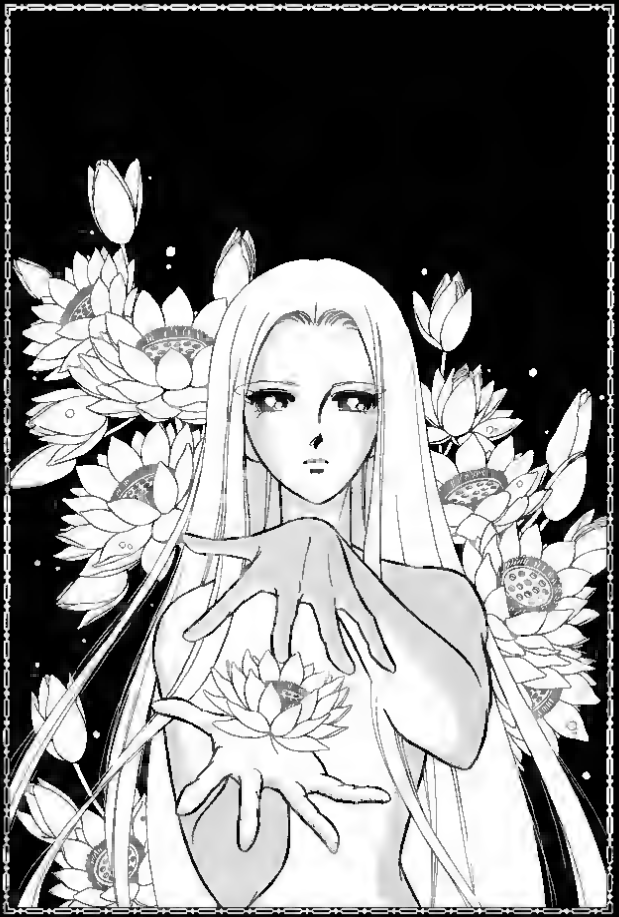

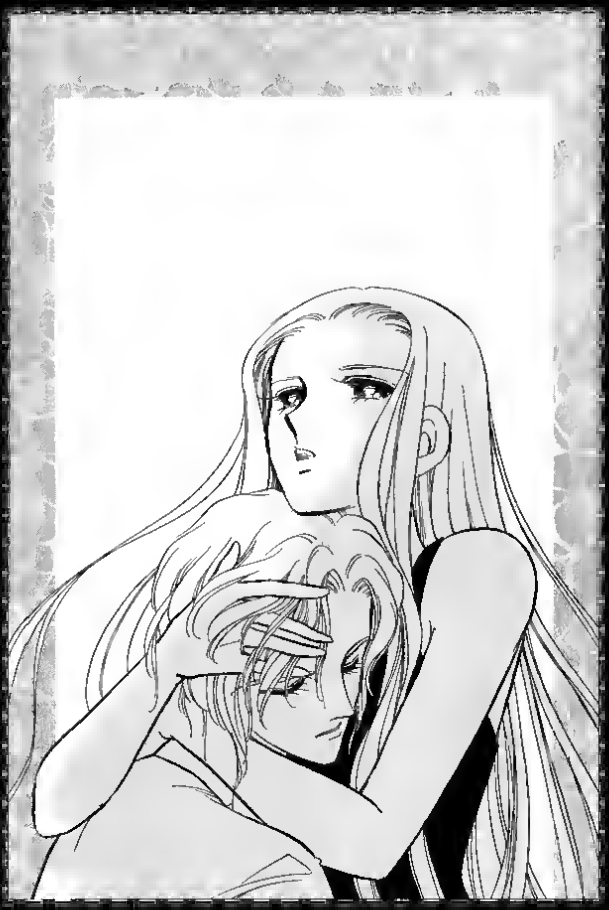

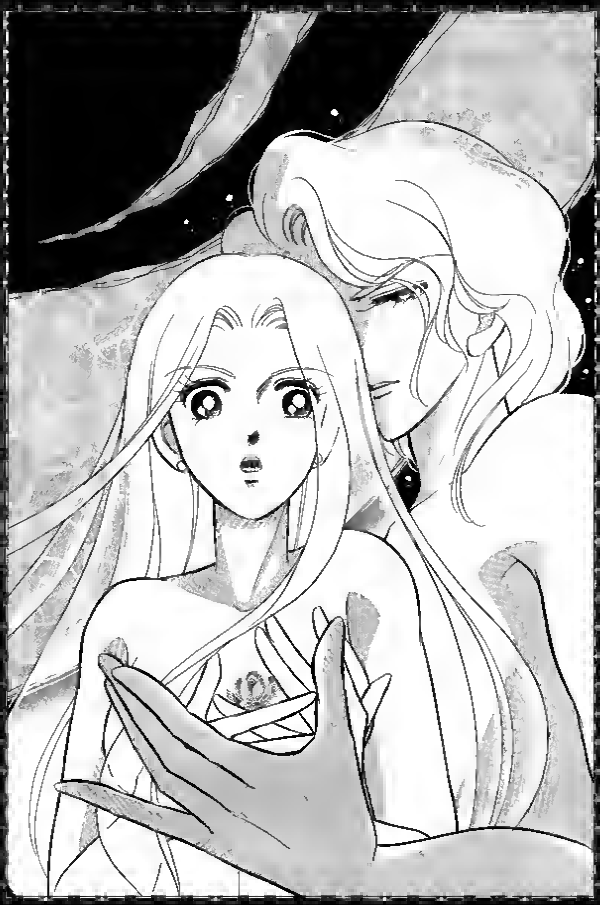

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